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THE GODDESS OF LOVE

By Effa E. Danelson

GODDESS of Love! Thou art the greatest of all mighty powers, subtle as the perfume of the rose—penetrating as the rays of the sun; worshipper of all good and evil, recognizing no authority but thine own, thou hast been worshipped since time immemorial holding all humanity thy most willing slave.

AT thy raucous command all life flees into hiding and at thy sweet call the denizens of earth come forth and lay their trophies at thy feet.

O GODDESS of Love the bearer of glad tidings how we welcome thee, and at thy stealthy tread our faces blanch in terror. When thy protecting hand is raised all mankind reveres thee, yet it is said Thou art the Mother of Hate the creator of jealousy and revenge; That from thy bosom there is drawn the murderer's weapon and upon thy head rests a symbol of crime; thy feet are shod at the price of glory and thy shining raiment is bedecked with the pearls of a soul in shame.

THOU Goddess of Love—Thy hand holds the scepter and the sword. Shall there be rivers of life or of blood flowing from thy hand down the shores of Time? Shalt thou crown humanity with a wreath of thorns or a flaming torch of blessedness? Shall thy slaves be freed and thy precious name be written on the pages of history as of yore?

WHICH song, oh Goddess of Love, shall humanity sing—praises to thy fair name or shall the curses of souls held in thy bonds be thy funeral dirge? When thou wast crowned Love men's hearts were pure, their lives were clean. On thy altar rested their hopes, ambitions, aspirations, their all, but Hate like a thief in the night rose at thy bidding and bound them with molten chains of fire yet we worship at thy shrine and the future—like the past—thy hand shall mold.

GODDESS of Love—pour forth that milk of human kindness and quench the fires of Hate that ALL the world may praise Thee and live once more in peace.

GODDESS of Love—bring to the world a new birth, send forth thy mighty creative force and bless humanity by thy deeds of valor unsullied by selfish gain. Pour thy light into the dark recesses of the hearts of all thy worshippers. Send thy messenger into all Ports proclaiming the destruction of Hate, acclaiming the power of thy Love.

GODDESS of Love—redeem thy fair name that the laurel may crown Thy head, thy feet be shod with the power of right, and the glory revealed in thy garment the pearls of a soul unsoiled by Hate.

Living EDITORIALS OF TODAY

T *¶The Law*

THE law is omnipotent in its range. Shall it be said that it is the oppressor of the weak and ally of the strong, or the protector of the weak and director of the strong? Looking about us, beholding the destitution and distress of the weak and the appalling clemency given to the strong, we are almost forced to acclaim that the law is a burden to humanity. When we see little children hungry and cold, mothers slaving that their children may live, and no court to justly arbitrate their cause, we wonder if man made the law for himself alone? The law deals solely with all his needs. Ideals of esoteric value are not provided for in either our court morale or the law. The law does not deal justice and right to all. The law, as it stands today, is a maze born of technicality—a robber of the poor, a slave driver of the weak, and a charlatan denying nature's rights. In the name of justice and right—for all—let something be done to break up the veiled mirage of legal technicality which is creating lawlessness everywhere.

S *¶Whom Shall We Serve?*

SHALL we serve our weaknesses, going through life along the line of least resistance, or shall we serve that mighty power called "Strength" which, once chosen as our Master, can carry us over all obstacles to an omnipotent realization of the Conqueror of all destructive elements?

Shall we triumph over the past, becoming rulers of the present and heirs of the future, or shall we become abject slaves of the weaknesses of the past, law breakers of the present and thieves of all the future holds in store for us?

C *¶Does Christianity Pay?*

CHRISTIANS have just celebrated their 1925th mass with the giving of gifts and much feasting and marry making, to be followed by the three hundred and sixty-four days of debt paying. What would the lowly Jesus say if he could but speak?

T *¶The Child of Tomorrow*

THE child of tomorrow will not be interested in toys and fairy tales. The new psychology of life will prepare the parents of the coming age to answer intelligently the questions of their children. The scientific

interpretation of birth will enable the mother to bring forth her young as nature intended. The study of the mother and child will lessen the fear of motherhood, greatly decreasing the number of crippled and feeble-minded children and giving to the world a new birth record.

"W *¶Does the Church Want Brains?*

ANTED—Brains In The Pulpit" says the Literary Digest. It is quite clear that brains are not wanted by the representatives of the pulpit as evidenced by the many ecclesiastical trials for heresy, resulting in the unseating and expulsion of so many prominent thinking minds in the religious world of today.

The acknowledged failure of Christianity to hold the interest of the student proclaims to the world that truth, based on facts, will outlive the inquisitions of fear and superstition.

Science will throw upon the screen demonstrated facts concerning the origin, sojourn and continuity of life. Students of natural law have exposed the fakers who have stood in the path of progress ever since salvation was proclaimed in the name of Jesus Christ.

T *¶Entering the Unknown*

THE Unknown is the unexplored. Fear grips the heart of the timid at the thought of the Unknown. Fear darkens the vision of the traveler who has been misdirected. Fear holds in bondage the explorer who has no chart or compass to guide him.

The Torchbearers whose lights are dim, though they have journeyed far, fear the Unknown. With one accord they stand at the brink not daring to enter.

The weary traveler with slow tread whose courage has ever led him on steps over the precipice and cries out with joy for them to follow—yet none dare to follow. With drawn breath they wait his return and when his voice calls them they bow their heads, heeding not his words of comfort. They are unmindful of his plea when in tones vibrating throughout the ages he exclaims: "If I live you shall also live, where I go there you may come; there are many mansions in my new home; rejoice and be exceedingly glad for where I am there is room for you." I have explored the Unknown, where all souls in their flight from mortal homes find a world teeming with life.

Entering the Unknown is lifting the veil of ignorance for those who feared to look into the future.

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T *Man Will Discover Himself*

THE MIND that believes in visions, but denies the fact it is possible to communicate with the now-called dead, is on a par with those who believe in the Swedenborgian phenomena, and deny the same phenomena in Spiritualism.

What the world needs is not more cults, but more people who can agree on a principle, regardless of who copyrights it.

From time immemorial there have been prophets, seers, sorcerers and witches, now classed as clairvoyants, inspired men and women, and mediums.

What they see and how they see it, is the same today as it was in the early records of the Bible. The good they see today serves humanity better than in those days. The evil they do today, compared with ancient days, is like the old death-dealing plagues which are becoming less and less menacing as intelligence supercedes ignorance.

When we learn a little more about these things, factional religions will die for want of nourishment. The fakir will have no market for his wares. Religious fanatics and magicians will take their place with the old stage coach in the museum.

The next step forward in progression will be an intellectual one. Man will discover himself to the extent of being able to utilize the body substances intelligently, through which he will free himself from the bondage of both mind and body, under which he now labors.

M *Insanity and the Radio*

MIND projection is becoming more and more alarming. The unscrupulous as well as the scrupulous are being entangled in the mind meshes. Mr. Smith retires, vigorous in body and alert in mind. When he awakens he is endowed with another personality. Physicians say "his mind has become unbalanced." Is this true or has he collided with an ether wave charged by the mind of another—becoming a prisoner for the time being? How much insanity is caused by the breaking up of ether waves by the radio cannot be determined until science discovers the power of the human mind to function independent of the physical body.

The cadence of music will rock buildings. The steady tread of men will destroy the elasticity of bridges, causing them to crumble. Just what power lies in one human mind to destroy another is yet to be determined.

Will the radio solve the mystery of mind projection? Will it teach us the law governing our lives revealing to man the secret of life and enabling him to protect himself from the destructive elements emanating from other minds which causes insanity or obsession? Will the Radio divulge the secret of Life after Death? Will those whom we call *dead* break their silence by broadcasting their message to the world?

E *How are People Governed?*

EACH human being, animal, insect or flower, has a kingdom of its own. They may have a good or a bad ruler, according to their understanding of Life as it is expressed on the earth plane. They may be hampered by a disturbance of the Life current before birth, but eventually they will evolve to perfect functioning, becoming a re-creative Life principle.

No threat, precept or example can change this law. Every living thing evolves and produces its kind under its own law. Lack of power to express oftentimes brands a child as being dull. Once branded, the brain becomes inflexible, and the victim is a prisoner in his own brain cell.

Life itself is independent of the physical body. Thus it is that one branded as an idiot, when freed from the physical body is able to tell minutely, to the astonishment of those who tortured him, everything he had ever said or done.

Man knows very little about Life, because he has taken himself for granted and scorned the idea that any other form of life has feeling, perception, or continuity after death. Man has laid claim to everything in the universe, and wasted the life he could not understand.

To the maxim "Man, know thyself," add, "*Man, know thy kin.*" "The greatest study of mankind is man," should read, "*The greatest study of mankind is Life,*" whether it be man, or Life in other forms. The Great Principle that gave man breath to move and have his being, also gave to other forms of Life this breath. Even the flowers or blades of grass have a rhythmic breath, to those who know the Law.

D *Do You Know?*

DO YOU KNOW that you are a planet, traveling in a universe of your own? That every thought released by you becomes a twinkling star, a sun or moon whose brightness and influence depends on your power of discernment? That back of this thought is the desire which created it? That each life is destined to be the ruler in its universe and whenever one oversteps his kingship, trouble ensues? That if we could know the value of restricting our desires until their course could be determined we would be able to prevent all disasters in our lives?

Learn the secrets of your universe by taking thought and cognizance of how things affect you in the daily routine of living. Take an inventory every twenty-four hours. All things travel in a circle, a law which man did not make, and can only discover through observing the return of a thought to its base. Your universe is composed of millions of worlds, each one at your command through the powerful lense known as the mind's eye. To know the value of your universe you must study yourself; discover the weaknesses and the strong points of your desires, setting aside all that is undesirable or a hindrance to your progress. Just try this for a few weeks and you will find yourself ushered into a new world.

Will An Epidemic of Insanity Sweep Our Country?

Saving the Brains of America

By C. WM. CHAMBERLAIN

FOR a number of years, prominent psychologists, psychiatrists and neurologists have been prophecying an epidemic which is to outrival all previous plagues and epidemics in history, and one which, because of its insidious approach and its subtle complications, will rob the nation of its intellectual leaders.

Less is known about brain and nerve tissue and their functions, by the average physician, than almost any other organs and functions, of the human body. Modern medics have been so busily engaged in chasing down the germs of organic disease, that they have grossly neglected the factors that enter into functional disorders, nervousness and insanity. And it is in this field that, we are told the plague is coming.

Let us take stock of the situation and see whether the prophecy, made first about ten years ago, is to be taken seriously. And if so, what is to be done about it.

The nation has lost three men in a few short years, each of whom served as President. The physiologists and orthodox medics, point to two of these men as victims of organic disease, but reluctantly admit that "over-work" had much to do with their passing. Of the other man, who during the world war, challenged the attention of the entire world, they have little to say. Without question, he was the victim of a nervous disorder.

Yet most physicians will tell you that over-work rarely kills anybody. More often, over-work is a symptom of a distressed or disordered state of mind. The individual usually "over-works" because his mind is upset and disorganized. If it was not, he would get the necessary recreation and mental relaxation, as a matter of course and common sense. Man is the slave of his mental habits and when these habits become overbalanced, or disorganized, he becomes a psychological automaton. The body and brain suffer and it merely is a matter of time until he refuses to function any more.

We need not confine our illustrations to former presidents. Pick up the daily newspaper.

"Financier Plunges from Sixteenth Story Window," we read. *Bank President Sends Bullet into his Brain,* says another caption. Headlines herald that "Prominent Physician Kills Family and Self." Elsewhere we learn that "Prima Donna Aphasia Victim Disappears," while yesterday's paper told of a famous educator who took his own life, and of a great architect whose body was found in a lake with a suicide note. Cabinet members, judges, lawyers, doctors, college professors, artists, actors, corpora-

tion heads, ministers—all are represented in the day's news at one time or another. Some are suicides, others go to sanitariums, where no more is heard of them, others die of the doctor's alibi; "heart disease" or "complications," while some run amuck before they pass out of the picture.

It is no secret that nearly every penitentiary, insane hospital and prison in the country is over-crowded. And nothing is being done about it, except to plan building more of them.

Of course the big men of the country are not filling these institutions. The average man is doing that. The big man goes to a private sanitarium in most cases, if he has committed no crime.

The world looks on and shrugs its shoulders. "It is the war." And that's that. Naturally, the war had much to do with it. Government statistics state that by 1929, one war veteran in every twenty will have become a victim of insanity. The peak will have been reached by that time, they say.

There is a correlation between the increase in insanity among war veterans and similar conditions in those who stayed at home. Just what this correlation is, has not been determined. One striking feature has been marked, namely, that many war profiteers have been the victims of mental and nervous disorders. Likewise, their families have suffered.

Many thousands of "shell shock" cases are represented by men, who never heard a gun fired. Multitudes of men who never left the training camps are victims of this war neuroses, and it is just as serious as though the individual had been under shell fire. Hate, fear, suspense, repressions, unwarranted discipline, all these reap their toll of men who saw no active service. And in many cases, similar conditions existed in certain communities among civilians.

This article will not deal with the war veteran problem. I have discussed that in the public press in past years. We are concerned now with a slightly different, even if overlapping problem.

True, some of our greatest brains are found in men who served in the war. Their suicides, failures, deaths and crimes are supposed to be taken care of by governmental agencies. But enough of that. I have ceased to write on the subject, due to the apathy on the part of the public.

But every person is interested, if he thinks that he, as an individual, is concerned. If a nervous disorder is threatening him, it becomes a different proposition. And here is what Paul von Boeckman says:

"I predict that not far in the future a malady involving the nervous system will become an epidemic and that this epidemic will destroy the brains of the world, for it is the thinking class who especially overtax their nerves. (See the Rocine article on the Phosphorus type in the November Occult Digest). The plague will be far more terrible than the great plagues of past ages which nearly depopulated the civilized world.

"The Infantile Paralysis epidemic, which we had a few years ago, it is agreed among medical men, was essentially a nerve disease, and the medical profession, great as is its knowledge of disease and its origin, had to confess that it could do nothing to check or control the disease.

"If we may reason by analogy, then we may assume that this epidemic will reappear in a more virulent form, so that adults will contract it as readily as did children in the former epidemic."

Is von Boeckman an alarmist? He, probably, has made as many diagnoses of nervous disorders as any living man. It is said that he predicted the influenza epidemic, the early death of professional athletes, the infantile paralysis epidemic, and other calamities. He claims no occult power. He is the author of a very sensible treatise on nervousness and has a reputation for common sense nervous treatment.

Here is another savant, an orthodox medical man, who says in his book: *The Mastery of Nervousness*—

"Every great step forward in the complexity of man's existence has been marked by nervous disasters."

Dr. Paul S. Carroll, appears as sane and sensible as von Boeckman, but like the latter, he calls this the *Age of Nervousness*, and elsewhere in his excellent treatise, says:

"Modern restlessness is everywhere in evidence. Stolidity is rare; stability, exceptional. Our children are restless and uneasy, constantly planning diversion and pleasure. Even the three-year-old child begs to go down town to the picture show.

"Modern life is high tension life—a life of increasing strain. Modern social life puts a premium on emotional intensity. Modern stimuli are increasing much faster than our nervous training for adaptation. Great as is man's capacity for complex adjustments, the multiplying demands of modern life are coming too fast."

I have before me quotations from numerous other scientists, who view the

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☞ *A Psychic Prophecy of* **WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT IN 1926**

By Thaddeus Miles

WITH the dawn of the year 1926 big guns will be fired on the coast of southeastern Italy that will fan into flame a conflagration destroying villages, traveling northward, sweeping country after country. Nothing will stop this onslaught until—from sheer exhaustion of their forces—the fighting ceases.

Quite contrary to the usual wave of vandalism after such outbreaks—there will appear in villages, at crossroads and in the homes, apparitions of those who were killed in warfare. Western Europe will experience the return of "The Phantom Days." Apparitions of characters well known in history will set the world agog and establish a new "Reign of Terror" for those who do not understand the occult. Greater revelations than history has recorded will come out of these blood-drenched countries.

Dynasty after dynasty will fall. Great leaders will arise—heralding the restitution of the peoples' rights in civic and religious matters.

Four great countries will unite for peace. An arbitration board will be appointed to formulate rules under which each country may carry on negotiations with those countries not affiliated. The ultimate mission of this board is to eliminate war and effect universal peace through unity of commerce bringing about international industrial co-operation.

Many negotiations with other countries will bring the United

THE early part of 1926 will be epoch-making in our national affairs. Old scores will be reopened—many legal battles ought—the Senate and House will clash—and many a leader fall, never to rise again. Early spring witnesses renewal of feuds amongst public officials and the early fall finds many changes amongst high officials the world over.

☞ Congressional tyranny will pass. Youth demands its voice in matters vital to our country. Younger men in Washington will declare themselves against traditional laws and fight for protective measures to foster advanced thought. Science, instead of religion, will be the battle cry of the Senate.

☞ Trouble with Mexico will cause consternation at the White House—proving that Colonel William Mitchell knows what he is talking about.

☞ There will be numerous floods, many land disasters and great conflagrations. Capitol buildings will be destroyed by fire and water causing much damage to personal and public property. The West will be visited by a tornado of terrific violence. Loss of crops in the wheat belt and early summer droughts prevent the maturity of grain in various parts of the country resulting in greatly increased living costs.

States into recognition by the people *en masse*. Big business men's organizations, through international conventions, will bring about a uni-

versal co-operation in business that has had no precedent and womens' clubs will establish international exchange bureaus, ameliorating international hatreds and eventually boundary lines between races and nations will be set aside.

Consternation will be created throughout the religious world by widespread occult manifestations being reported by men and women of intellect and position which will result in the myth of Heaven and Hell being abolished forever from their church credals. Many church dignitaries will leave their positions to teach in the open field of the occult. General discussion of the occult will bring about amalgamations of sect, cult and isms. Many churches will unite in a drive against what they allege as "modern vandalism of the churches"—with disastrous results to these religious bodies.

Many will think the world is coming to an end. Earthquakes will occur during the first three months of 1926 where such disturbances have been unknown. 1926 brings destitution in many parts of the world where destruction of many kinds will lay waste the crops. The world's greatest revival of occult manifestation is scheduled to take place in the early summer of 1926. Paint, pen and pulpit, stage and film will feature the occult, and phenomenal psychical manifestations amongst domesticated and trained animals will be observed.



Night Life

Bunny Parker

is a musical comedy star—full of antics and action. She is trying to look pensive and appealing in this pose, but the young man who thinks she is clinging or dependent is mistaken. She is practical and strong-minded as well as strong in body muscles. This type make wonderful dancers, graceful as well as strong.



Elbert Hubbard

Are You The Potassium Type?

NATURE is fickle and birth seems to have favorites for she endows some with natural endowments greater than others, for health, success and happiness. The type most favored at birth for a healthy, successful and happy life is the Myogenic (*myo*-muscle; *genic*-producing) type, discovered and so named by Dr. Victor G. Rocine. It is the type that makes a very liberal use of potassium in the chemistry of the body. Wherever there is sufficient of potassium (an alkaline element) there will also be a liberal use of oxygen in the body, and as oxygen calls for iron in abundance, we have potassium, oxygen and iron, a wonderful trinity for optimism, courage, action, joy and health.

The Potassium Type is "the salt of the earth"—and if the salt lose its savor (health and usefulness) it is only through wicked and deliberate waste and debauchery of inherited health qualities.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

The Potassium Type is the most human of all the others. He is strong in all the physical faculties. He understands the weaknesses and the temptations of man and he is tolerant. He is full of sympathy and of the milk of human kindness. He is quick in intuition, tactful, diplomatic and mirthful. Charles Schwab is a splendid example of this Type. Strong, positive, aggressive, hard-working, but emotional sympathetic and known as a "good fellow." This is typical of the best side of the Potassium Type.

They love to eat, drink and be merry and unless they have a balance of the controlling faculties, they are sure to over-do and so ruin their careers through the sins of commission.

The mental faculties of these people run to approximate harmony, though complete harmony is difficult to maintain in this life. Environment does much

Dorothy Dalton

the athletic screen star doesn't play costume parts. She prefers to play the Wild West and Northern scenes, wear rough clothes and have dogs and horses around. No doubt she was what the neighbors called a "Tom-boy" when she was a growing girl. There is much of the boy in her nature because she is Myogenic.



T. R.



Ten Story Book

One of 19 Chemical Types of People?

BY EMILY H. ROCINE

to influence the faculties to inharmony, especially when the natural faculties are near to balance. When the faculties are strongly uneven or unbalanced, some being strong and some extremely weak, as is the case in the man of genius, environment has very little effect on him. Environment has a strong effect on the Potassium Type.

The face of the Potassium Type flushes easily from exercise or excitement. In the blond of this type, the complexion is sanguine or reddish brown or red white-brown. In the brunette it is sanguine dark brown. The skin is warm to the touch and adheres closely to the muscles, it is usually more hairy than the skin of other types of people.

Their faces are wide-oval, features rather small and harmonious, their heads are wide and oval in shape. Their manners are animated and responsive and they are usually good talkers. Their talent turns

toward commercial life for they are very practical and like to make plenty of money which they quickly spend.

Some are professional athletes, while others are only amateurs but all are ardent supporters of athletics. This is their hobby. Some of our best writers and authors belong to this Type, as for instance Shakespeare, Jack London, Rex Beach and Elbert Hubbard.

His Principal Disease Tendencies and Causes.

The principal disease tendencies in the Potassium Type are caused by over-eating and consequent gastric stuffing, resulting in plethora, sleepiness, skin ailments, enlargement of liver and congestion. Rheumatism caused by acidity from overeating of sweets and meats. Accidents caused by recklessness and too eager actions. Overgrowth of the heart and heart failure, caused by excessive athletics and exercise.

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Can a person be hypnotised into committing crime? Is hypnotism a power for or against crime?

HYPNOTISM and The Law!

By Charles H. McDermott

THE law measures the degree of a crime by the degree of the intent in the accused's mind when and before the crime was committed. For instance, manslaughter is the killing of a human being upon a sudden heat, murder in the second degree is killing purposely and maliciously with intent, while murder in the first degree is killing with premeditated malice. And likewise, in all crimes, the facts that show the intent and degree of mental effort are the facts relevant to the case. In contract law it is the act that is the evidence of the meeting of the parties' minds upon a definite subject that is called the contract. In man's legal position in society he must act as a reasonable man should act under like circumstances and if he does not, and injures another, he thereby becomes subject to suit and damages. So in criminal law, in contract law and in the law of torts, we find the mental element is the greater part of the standard by which his acts are governed.

The unquestionable close relation of hypnotism with psychology brings us to consider the importance of hypnotism in the legal field of the court room and of the actions of people in daily life.

In the consideration of hypnotism with the law, new phenomena in psychology are suddenly brought to light. Conditions of mind which are astonishing are caused by them, and one cannot but think of a whole series of criminal acts being carried out unconsciously, by persons under the influence of another person, who having been sent in a given direction without their own knowledge and now act in a manner which defies the law because of the condition of irresponsibility in the subject.

In the lethargic and cataleptic stages or hypnosis, the patient is exclusively passive; he loses all consciousness of the world around him and is therefore exposed defenselessly to any attack and any outrage that may be committed upon him. He can be made, in these states, to swallow poison, inhale noxious gases, or become completely intoxicated without leaving any trace behind. Unconscious violations and indecent assaults may take place. Such cases are not very uncommon, and it is found in many cases that women and old men were illegally influenced by hypnotism. The somnambulist, too, is capable of being directed in any fashion, reacting passively under the hypnotic influence. The subject can be led to make manual gift of his property, and to sign a note, bill or any kind of a contract. And such note taken as valid because of the signatures being present and apparent proper execution.

The subject is ready to carry out the most minute legal formulae with a calm assurance which would deceive the most skillful lawyers. In criminal matters, a man under suggestion can bring false accusations, and maintain earnestly that he has taken part in some horrible offense of which the accused was a party.

Homicidal suggestion seems not to have been noticed by medical jurist, and hypnotical criminals have not yet been so fortunate as to be detected in an unmistakable manner. But as it is impossible to decide exactly how far such a thing may go, it is desirable that we notice these phenomena and that we should recognize that hyp-

notism may produce in certain persons an extra physiological condition and a kind of transitory madness which renders them dangerous to themselves and to others around them.

The first medico-legal inquiry which occurs to the student of hypnotism is whether the hypnotic subject will accept criminal suggestion? Teigor's, the great French medical student, believes the hypnotic subject may be induced to commit criminal offenses. Benedict, Janet and Dr. Kingston of England take an opposite view.

Then the question comes if they may be induced to commit offenses to what degree are they responsible for the act, and to what extent is a person liable who voluntarily allows himself to be hypnotized. And another question, can criminal offenses be perpetrated upon hypnotic subjects without their knowing it? There seems to be no doubt that this last question may be answered in the affirmative. The ethics of the medical profession as well as for their protection against false charges, prevent any experiments except when in the presence of witnesses.

In Germany when animal magnetism was flourishing as a popular fad and in other parts of Europe there were a number of cases where the subject had been assaulted in the hypnotic sleep, and in most of the cases the subject could have no recollection of what occurred. In a few cases the subject was conscious of what happened but had no power to resist. A very peculiar phenomena arises where the injury may result because of repeated hypnotization by inattention of the operator as to probable effects upon the physical condition of the subject. Such was the case of Spurgeon Young of New York, where an autopsy was held over the body of Young who was a colored lad, seventeen years of age and the question was—how far his death was due to, or traceable to his condition as affected by the repeated placing of the lad in an hypnotic sleep by amateur operators in which it was thought he received injuries resulting in his death. This question was put by the coroner to leading medical jurists all over the country.

Mr. Thomson J. Hudson, in reply said, "In my opinion there could be but one inevitable result, namely, a shattered nervous organism, leading eventually, if life is prolonged, to imbecility or insanity. I have been led to believe that there are few bodily diseases that may not be produced by abnormal mental and nervous conditions. For who will pretend to assert that any tissue of the body is beyond the range of nervous influence. The entire venire of medico-jurists may be expressed by Dr. Buck that the practice is harmful under all circumstances except in the hands of skillful physicians for the treatment of diseases, and even then in a narrow range of diseases and with doubtful results. In all other cases it is dangerous and should be suppressed by law with severe penalties."

Crimes Committed by Subjects.

There is no doubt that subjects may commit suicide by post hypnotic suggestion as Roux-Greissineng says,

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Breakers Ahead Is Warning of The Stars!

IS THERE A World C-r-a-s-h NEAR?

THE predictive side, nature, or what you will, of Astrology always intrigues the popular fancy more than its purely analytical quality. I am not so sure that those of us who try various penetrations of the mysteries of the science are any less intrigued by this phase of it. At any rate, I recall the statement of one of the most eminent occultists in America, Mr. Murray Schloss, that "we face an immediate revulsion of life on the earth plane, of worldwide proportions, and in which every occult student has a definite work to perform." Mr. Schloss for several years past has reiterated this assertion, and to my stumbling perception, the fact that the prediction did not *come true* while I was eating my breakfast, or during the night, made me wonder while I did not altogether doubt.

In the light of a somewhat larger maturity, I perceive that Mr. Schloss' use of "immediate" was that of the true occultist to whom time becomes rather vague through excessive contemplation of infinity; and that "immediate" is not altered by the intervention of a decade or two—or perhaps a century or two. Therefore, instead of being "off" in his calculation, Mr. Schloss was probably very decidedly "on," and the danger which he predicted seems the more imminent by a recent calculation in astrology made by one who is perhaps its greatest living master, *Sepharial*. The words "immediate," "imminent," etc., all relating to time concepts, are necessarily faulty in conveying the nuance of thought here intended. But I think even the "man in the street" will see what is meant.

That all genuine Theosophists in the T. S. or out of it perceive the nature of the changing present appears an unnecessary statement. That all who genuinely contact the spiritual sources (in this sense, perhaps I mean spiritistic) have had warnings, or rather advices on the forthcoming catclysm is borne out by hundreds of papers, letters, and records of psychic experiences of late. And now comes an astrologer of such scientific precision as to command the respect of the sceptics, and such interpretative power as to merit the deepest respect of his fellow astrologers throughout the world, and adds his testimony to the balance.

Having discovered the principle of the *geodetic equivalent*, and, by hundreds of test applications, proven it scientifically sound, *Sepharial* has issued the result of his findings in a small 16mo published by W. Foulsham and Company, in which he says, in part:

"An entirely new field of research has been recently

opened up by the discovery of the Geodetic Equivalent due to the longitude and latitude of any place, and the consequent affections of the Midheaven and Ascendant thence derived by the transits of the planets, the position of eclipses and other exciting or symbolical occurrences. It may be necessary in the first place, to define what is meant by Geodetic Equivalent, hereinafter referred to as the G. E. All counts are made from the meridian of Greenwich, which by universal consent is the standard for the notation of time values and longitudes. It is the Zero of the equatorial hour-circle, and equally of the ecliptic circle of longitude. With this Zero on the Midheaven it is found that the Ascendant under that Midheaven will vary according to the oblique ascension due to the latitude of a place in longitude 0. Thus in latitude 51.30 N., which defines the City of London, the Ascendant under the meridian of Aries 0 will be Cancer 26° 36', while under the same Midheaven the Ascendant on the equator will be Cancer 0; and in latitude 60° N. the Ascendant will be Leo 4° 31'.

"These facts reveal a considerable range of Zodiacal sway, first in regard to the longitude of any place, and next in regard to its latitude, and it is this fact that has been seized upon, in connection with certain well-defined observations, to institute a complete series of Geodetic Equivalents.

Certain considerations arise naturally from the adoption of this scheme of astral representation. Chief among them is the fact that places that are contiguous to one another come under Zodiacal equivalents that are closely approximate, and of course there is no denying the fact that areas of the world's surface are thus affected simultaneously by the political and physical effects which at any time may be experienced. It will be my task in the ensuing essay to show that such contiguity is the basis of astral indication, and that definite areas answering to the positions and celestial bodies are directly related by reason of their geodetic equivalency to that part of the heavens in which the said bodies may at any time be situated, as shown in the ephemeris for the current year.

I will refer my readers first of all to the Hispano-American War of April, 1898. Reference to the G.E. for Lisbon will show that the Midheaven for this town is Pisces 20.50. The planet Mars formed its quadrature to Neptune on the 16th April, 1898, and was then in Pisces 20.50. Within the week America had declared war on Spain. The *causus belli* was that the Maine

had been blown up, as was believed, by Spanish agents. In effect Spain lost the Philippines and suffered very heavy losses. This was regrettable, as it was afterwards proved that the *Maine* was blown up by internal explosion and not from any outside agency. The outstanding fact, however, is that Mars was then, at the outbreak of the war, on the ascending G. E. degree due to Lisbon.

The contending fleets reached Santiago and came into conflict at the very time that Mars was in transit over the ascending G. E. of the area of hostilities, at the end of May, 1898.

When Mars reached the opposition point in October, 1898, namely in Cancer 19, which is the opposition of Capricorn 19, the Midheaven G. E. of Santiago, the Spanish capitulated and a Peace Conference was instituted in Paris. Here we find Mars in Cancer, the sign of its fall, and in direct opposition to the Midheaven G. E. of Santiago where the hostilities of the fleets began. At this time Mars was in quadrature to Jupiter, and peace was only secured by very heavy concessions including Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Sulu Islands.

"One of the most remarkable instances of the significance of the G. E. is to be found in the recent earthquake at Tokyo, by which the capital of Japan was completely destroyed and immense loss of life and property effected in a single day. The immediate precedent indications of this calamity are to be seen in the position of the lunation of August 12th, 1923, whereat the conjoined luminaries were in conjunction with Neptune in the eighteenth degree of Leo and Mars in the same longitude, the lunation taking place in the nineteenth degree. Reference to the table of geodetic equivalents will show that the meridian of Tokyo is in the immediate vicinity of this satellitium of bodies. This was pointed out in the pages of the *British Journal of Astrology*. The Earthquake itself was clearly predicted from the incident of Neptune opposition Mars and localized by the G. E. meridian.

"The unrest which has recently been manifesting in India may be ascribed to the position of Uranus now passing over the opposition of the G. E. Ascendant of Delhi, in Virgo 18, and now disturbing the southern districts by its passage through the nineteenth and twentieth degrees of the sign Pisces.

"In the year 1912, on April 17th, there was an eclipse of the Sun visible over Europe, which fell in the twenty-seventh degree of the sign Aries. Reference to the map will show that the longitude 27° E. answers exactly to Adrianople. It was here that the first shot was fired in the Balkan War—a war that was destined to lead directly to the Great War of 1914-18, and this shot was sped on the 14th October, 1912, when Mars was passing over Libra 27, in direct opposition to the eclipse of April 17th. The war took its course and apparently came to an end, but suddenly broke out again on the day that Mars came to the place of the eclipse in Aries 27. This clearly shows that eclipses may have a significance of the first order when falling on the meridian G. E. of any place, and confirms the now well-known fact that events tend to expression at the time when a major planet is in transit over the place or opposition of an eclipse.

"Thus the lunar eclipse of March 22nd, 1913, fell in Libra 1 in close opposition to the meridian of London. Very remarkable events followed on the heels of this eclipse. The Antarctic Expedition was

reported to have failed with the deaths of Captain Scott and four companions. In the following year there was a great strike in South Africa, martial law being proclaimed on 13th January, and simultaneously there was a lock-out by master builders, affecting thirty thousand men. The third reading of the Home Rule Bill was carried by a majority of seventy-seven, and significantly enough the *Empress of Ireland* was sunk in the St. Lawrence with a loss of 1014 lives. About this time the sinister influence of Asquith began to dominate our political fortunes by his assuming the post of Minister of War. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain died on July 2nd. On August 4th war was declared with Germany. At this time also Uranus was in opposition to the Ascendant G. E. of Berlin and other parts of Europe under the Midheaven of the latter half of Aries, which have the Ascendant in the first decan of Leo. Uranus was in the first decan of Aquarius and therefore in opposition.

"Later, in 1917 and 1918, when Neptune came to the same degrees of Leo, the chimerical dreams of the enemy were seen to evaporate, and it is significant that the planet Saturn was on the Berlin G. E. ascendant at the very time that Germany launched its last final assault in March, 1918. A brief inspection of the various towns tabulated will show that the following are included under the degrees which at that time were affected by Neptune and Saturn—Alexandria, Belgrade, Berlin, Budapest, Prague, Sofia, Smyrna and Vienna. It is significant, too, that this eclipse of March 22nd, being a lunar eclipse in Libra 1, fell in close opposition to the natural Ascendant of the Royal Horoscope. These factors will hereafter assume a wider significance. It is not a matter of chance that the reigning sovereign of Great Britain should be born under the cardinal points of the Zodiac, with Capricorn on the Midheaven and Aries on the Ascendant of the horoscope. The present representative of the Davidic line of kings is destined to witness the climax of a great cycle of time, and, in fact, of two cycles, one within the other.

"The first is the inclusive cycle of 2520 years, extending from the Babylonian Empire, under Nebuchadnezzar, to the year 1927, A. D. For in the year 593 the Assyrian monarch took Jerusalem and desolated the holy places, in consequence of which it was prophesied that "seven times" should pass over the kingdom, and that it should be blotted out and become the haunt of wild beasts until the times were fulfilled. Now a "time" is a complete circle of 360 degrees or years, and seven times is therefore 2520 years, which is a week of prophecy. From—592 to A. D. 1927 is a period of 2520 years. It is therefore to the year 1927 that we have to look for the consummation of this cycle of time.

"The second cycle that comes to its end is that of 1040 years from the seventeenth year of the reign of King Alfred, A. D. 887. The eclipses that take place in the year 1927 will be the same as those that took place in that year, that is to say, they are at the same distance from the equinoxes and therefore in the same longitudes. Very great changes took place at this time. King Alfred compiled his famous Body of Laws. The whole kingdom of Charlemagne was possessed by Charles le Gros; Arnolph began his reign in Germany, Guido and Berenger began theirs in Italy, Eudes began his in France, and Rudolph Lewis (surnamed the Blind) began to reign in Burgundy. Thus five kingdoms began

anew, and England came under a new Code of Law. When we come to examine the astral conditions in the year 1927 we are at once struck by the significant fact that the planets Uranus and Jupiter are in conjunction no less than three times within twelve months, beginning in June, 1927, and ending in February, 1928. These conjunctions are seen to take place close to the vernal equinox and therefore on the Ascendant of the Royal Horoscope. At the time of the second conjunction in September, Mars is in opposition to the conjoined planets. At the time of the third conjunction Mars will be on the Midheaven of the Royal Horoscope. So far as the Geodetic Equivalent is concerned in this series of indications, it will of course be observed that the Midheaven of London is involved, and as it is in the nature of Uranus and Jupiter when acting in conjunction to produce constitutional changes, we may confidently look to the year 1927 as inaugurating the greatest change in the constitution that has been made since the famous code of Alfred, over a thousand years ago.

"Great earthquakes will take place in July, 1927, and in April, 1928, and then the forces of disruption and disintegration will be let loose upon the earth in a manner that has never before been experienced since the age began. The year 1928 will bring these indications into rapid and violent effect. For the cycle ends in 1927½ and thereafter the hand of man is thrust forward in violence, which condition obtains for the space of 3½ years or 42 months, and then there is Peace. Here is the whole prophecy, the measure of the times being of my own institution.

"For as I conceive in my understanding, Woe unto those that are left behind in those days, and much more to those who are not left behind. For now I understand what is laid up for them in the latter days and what shall happen to them that are left behind, for they shall come into great perils and vast necessities. And this is the interpretation of 'him that shall be left behind.' He that shall endure the peril in that time is he that hath secured himself. They that shall fall into danger are they that have faith and works towards the Almighty. Therefore know that they which he left behind are more blessed than they which be dead. And whereas thou didst see a Man coming up from the midst of the sea, the same is He whom God the Highest hath kept for a great season, who of Himself shall deliver his creatures, and I shall order them which shall be left behind. And whereas thou sawest that out of His mouth there came, as it were, a blast of wind and fire and storm, and that He held neither sword nor any weapon of war, but that his mighty onrush destroyed the whole multitude that came out to subdue Him, this is the interpretation: Behold, the days come when the Most High shall begin to deliver them that are upon the earth. And one shall undertake to fight against another, one city against another, one nation against another and one kingdom against another. Then shall the Son of Man be declared whom thou sawest as a Man ascending. And when all the people hear His voice, every man in their own land shall leave the strife they have with one another and an innumerable multitude shall be gathered together willing to join up and overcome Him by fighting. But He shall stand on the summit of Sion. And Sion shall be revealed to all men, already prepared and builded, even as the

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Keys To The Alchemy of Colour

Occult Chromotherapy

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I.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James I:22.

By simply storing up in our memory any information given to us, without any attempt at verifying or applying it, we act like the man in the parable who buried his talent in the ground. And just as the unused talent was taken away from him who buried it, so we lose that which we have never made our own by application and by verification.

Unused capital is dead capital. Seed which is carelessly put away, which in the proper season is not sown, will never sprout; it will never grow up and bear fruit in the harvest time. A key that we possess, but never apply is of no more use to us than if we never had it. This applies also to the key here offered. If not used, according to the rules laid down, its possession is of no value; its usefulness cannot be verified and demonstrated by its being stored away in the drawers of a writing desk or in the attics of memory. To keep it hidden as a curiosity is worse than useless.

Only by applying and verifying information given to us can we make it our own. Any information which is not verified, applied and tested by us, remains to us a hearsay and nothing more. This holds good in the art of healing as in everything else. With methods applied honestly and faithfully—and in no other way—results will follow.

II.

There is a correspondence between the higher and the lower worlds.

Shu-King, book I, section 4.

As above, the Will, Wisdom and Activity aspects of the LOGOS are expressed in His own system of worlds, so below, the corresponding aspects are expressed through each human microcosm for the creation,

preservation, and regeneration of forms on the different planes of that microcosm. Healing is expressed through all the divine aspects; its possibility by the means of various methods is continually demonstrated everywhere. Being aware of this, faith in the ability to help is manifested in any one who is eager to heal diseased fellow beings; each person applies the method, which for some reason he considers the most effective. All methods are good, where the faith of the healer is reciprocated by the faith of the sufferer, and where by the means used the weak vibration in the sufferer's aura is strengthened. By every method which is used, a color vibration—which is matter to the sense of vision on the different planes in the vehicles of man—is projected to strengthen a weak one. All that is needed for helping is the correct color vibration—that vibration which is the weakest in the sufferer. The most direct way, the real Occult Chromotherapy, is by sitting down, by closing our eyes, by concentrating on and by visualizing etherically, astrally and mentally the color vibration that is weak in the sick person, by surrounding ourselves with it when inhaling, and by sending it out to the patient and the part diseased when exhaling.

Of the great Divine Healer of Palestine, Jesus Christ, we are told, that "when he called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manners of sickness and all manners of disease." (Matt. X:1.) He said to them: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." (Ibid., X., 8.) Those that were helped, and who had received freely, had the same privilege to give freely. That was, indeed, their opportunity to show their gratitude. The disciples were told: "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two

coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his hire." (Ibid., X., 9-10.)

The method of healing is hinted at in many places. Just before his ascension, Christ said to his disciples: "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark XIV: 17, 18.) At another time Christ said: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John XIV: 13.)

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall heal the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James V:13-15.)

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Col. III:17.)

Like the disciples of the Christ, every occultist should do all his healing and perform all his acts, not in his own name, but in the name of the Master.

Why should an occultist do everything in the Master's name, not in his own, and never look upon himself as the doer, but as the divine instrument? All the sacred books the world over explain the reason. A few quotations will show it; they can be added to *ad infinitum*.

"It is Heaven that does the work, while men are only its agents." (Shu-King, Book I, Section 3.)

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight; and wilt give ears to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I

am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus XV: 26.)

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow; for so He giveth his beloved sleep." (Ps. CXXVII:1, 2.)

"Every house is built by some man, but He that built all things is God." (Hebr. III: 4.)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James I:17.)

III.

"Peter said: Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Acts III:6.

All those scientists who have spoken of and recommended color radiations as the means of healing, from Dr. E. B. Babbitt to Dr. J. Stenson Hooker, Dr. Kerrison B. Taylor, Dr. George H. Zeller, Dr. E. B. Bowers and Dr. George Starr White, tell practically the same thing about how the different color radiations act and what diseases they cure. Experience proves that they have found the truth; clairvoyants corroborate it by telling, that when in an aura a color radiation is weak, it means a certain disease, and also that this can be cured by artificially strengthening the weak color radiation.

That artificial strengthening can be done in different ways. The above-mentioned physicians have either used solar radiation, directly or by means of electric light, through colored panes of glass or through water from colored bottles, which for some time have been exposed to sunlight, as Dr. Babbitt did and his followers still do; or through colored glass bulbs, a method originated by Dr. Niels Finzen of Copenhagen, whose "red light" cures of lupus and small pox in his phototherapeutic institute became world-famous. The occultist uses identical color radiations, generally without any external apparatus and through the medium of his own higher vehicles, in that way becoming in the full sense of the word a channel for the healing forces of nature.

Empirically it has been discovered and demonstrated that melan-

choly, anemic condition, tuberculosis, paralysis, cancer, physical exhaustion, and debilitated conditions in general are cured by red radiation, which animates, stimulates and warms the blood and through that the nerves and the muscles. This being so, then the non-clairvoyant may take for granted, even if he cannot in the aura observe the scarcity of red, that this radiation is weak there and should be strengthened. Dr. White has diagnosed this by an ingenious method and has cured the above-mentioned diseases by *ruby-red* radiation from colored globes. He has also cured alcoholic conditions with *deep prune* radiation, and deep-seated neurotic conditions, paranoid, etc., with *magenta* radiation.

Red radiation directed toward an aura that needs no such strengthening causes a feeling of heat and discomfort, of irritation to the nerves and a stimulation of the procreative faculties.

When there is lack of vitality in the system, when sarcoma or other malignant growths are weakening it, when constipation, impaired digestion and, for women, abnormal pelvic conditions peculiar to their sex are in evidence, or when a person suffers from neuralgic or rheumatic pain, the *orange* radiation is weak in the aura, and the cure is orange radiation, which like the red is animating, stimulating and warming, but to the nerves rather than to the blood, and in a somewhat milder way.

In cases of congestion, especially of the respiratory organs, the throat and the lungs, and of nerve exhaustion, *yellow* radiation is weak in the aura of the sufferer, and yellow radiation heals. In constipation, impaired digestion, and in abnormal pelvic conditions peculiar to women, yellow—or orange—radiation will give relief, as Dr. White has demonstrated. Yellow is a splendid nerve stimulant, but injurious to an over-excited system.

Weak *green* radiation in the aura is indicated by liver intoxication and jaundice, by typhoid fever and influenza, which are healed by green radiation. For typhoid, *blue-green* is the proper shade; for influenza, *red-green*, which animates the nerves and cools the blood.

Blue radiation is weak and should be supplied in cases of headache, toothache, neuralgia, rheumatism, general nervousness, sciatica, hemorrhage, malaria, blood diseases (such as syphilis) and cerebro-spinal conditions. Blue radiation is

cooling to the blood, soothing to the nerve and vascular systems, antiseptic, astringent, refrigerant, febrifuge, sedative.

Indigo radiation is weak in the case of wounds, internal irritations and skin diseases; and here indigo radiation is healing. Like blue and violet, indigo is an electrical color, and its radiation is cooling to both blood and nerves, as well as antiseptic.

Violet radiation is weak in stomach diseases caused by defective digestion, as Dr. J. Stenson Hooker has demonstrated. Like the blue radiation, it soothes the nerve and vascular systems, especially where inflammatory and nervous conditions predominate. Violet radiation heals kidney intoxicants, urethrics, and gonorrhea; like the blue radiation it is astringent, refrigerant, febrifuge and sedative, and like that it is a cure for sciatica, hemorrhage, cerebro-spinal conditions, neuralgia, rheumatism, and general nervousness.

Red, orange and yellow radiations are warm; they are stimulating in the order they are mentioned. Red is a hot and very exciting color; orange is vitalizing and warm; yellow gives, like a sunshine in June, a sense of contentment and happiness, and a pleasant warmth. These vibrations give a sweetish, alkaline taste and smell.

Green and violet radiations are more cool than the three mentioned; their taste and smell is a mixture of sweet and sour.

Light blue (deep sky blue) and *indigo* radiations are cool; they have a cooling and calming effect, and they give a sour, acidic taste and smell.

Light green excites in a mild way, stimulates and strengthens. *Dark green* acts very much like corrosive sublimate; it aids putrefaction and dissolution, and it removes parasitic growths, such as cancer. But a ring of indigo radiation must be placed around the growth, before the dark green radiation is sent to it, to prevent the surrounding parts from being hurt.

Orange radiation has a particular affinity to the heart chakra, the receiving apparatus of the human body for the vitality sent out from the sun. This chakra is also the best transmitter of any healing radiation that is sent through the vehicles of a healer to a patient.

H. P. Blavatsky told us that yellow radiation strengthens the right eye, and indigo radiation the left eye. This information started her

pupils on the exploration journey, which ended with their discovering Occult Chromotherapy.

IV.

"Not to commit any sin, to do good, and to purify one's mind—that is the teaching of all the awakened."

Buddha, Dhammapada, XIV., 5.

In the period of frequent correspondence with the Masters, when Mme. H. P. Blavatsky was their representative and our teacher, the following remarks by an Adept were quoted by the Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, the General Secretary of the American Section, William Quan Judge, in his monthly magazine *The Path* for August, 1889, p. 150: "All illness, disease, and abnormalities of the body come from astral planes. The physical cannot infest the astral. The occult and the physical must never be mixed up. It is absolutely necessary to concentrate on one or the other.

"There is good and evil in every point of the universe, and if one works, however indirectly, for one's own partiality, one becomes to that extent a black magician. *It is necessary when acting to lose all sense of identity and become an abstract power.*

"Occultism demands perfect justice and absolute impartiality. When a man uses the powers of nature indiscriminately, with partiality and with no regard to justice, it is black magic. *To help a sick person is no black magic; but no personal preference must guide you.*

"Magic is power over the forces of nature . . . hypnotizing people and making them physically drunk with excitement is black magic."

To become channels or the healing forces of nature, directing the form building devas, "whose language is color and whose motion is melody,"* to do their quiet work in and through the color radiations that are matter, this is also an act of magic, but of the white variety, as the Master here quoted indicates. But He insists, too, that it must be done unselfishly, simply as an act of service and for the great joy of being able to help others. And even for the occult healer the ancient Gnostic rule holds good: "Learn to know all, but keep thyself unknown."

* Dr. Annie Besant: Theosophy, p. 39.

Few they are as yet who care to "become as nothing in the eyes of men." Yet that is a prerequisite for unselfish and undisturbed activity in the realms of White Magic. Few men in our time are willing to obey the five-thousand-year old teaching of Shri Krishna: "Thy business is with the action only, never with its fruits. So let not the fruit of action be thy motive, nor be thou to inaction attached. Perform action, dwelling in union with the divine, renouncing attachments, and balanced evenly in success and failure. Equilibrium is called Voga." (Bhagavad Gita, II., 48.)

There are seven centers in the etheric body, which are called by the Hindus *chakras*, or wheels, on account of their form and their constant motion. They are the receivers of vital force from the radiant heart of our Solar Logos, the Sun, and the transmitters of it to all parts of the vehicles. That which is received by the *chakras* passes into the physical body through the plexus or ganglia and is distributed by the ductless glands.

In every activity the laborer must possess and understand how to use the tools that he needs for accomplishing his work. For this reason, to know the *chakras* and their physical instruments, the plexus and the ductless glands, is of importance to a healer.

At the base of the spine there is in the physical body a plexus called the sacral. Its corresponding *chakra* in the etheric body is by the Hindus called *Muladhara chakra*. Here, they say, is the burning ground of the Kundalini fire, the home of the World Mother. The clairvoyant sees it as a four-petaled flower, like those of the Cruciferae, with *fiery orange* color. As its shakti or power is given *Kundalini shakti*, the regenerative serpentine power, which through Sushumna, the great central spinal nerve channel, radiates creative and preservative vitality along the spine up to the Brahma-randra portal in the skull. Vyana, "distributive life wind," has been given as its prana or vital breath; its tattva or element is said to be Prithivi, or earth. This *chakra* acts through the sacral plexus directly on the prostatic ganglion, the interstitial gland and the ovaries.

Next to the sacral plexus comes the solar or epigastric, with *Svadhithana* as the corresponding *chakra*. Clairvoyants describe this *chakra* as having ten radiations or petals with

different shades of *red*, but also with a good deal of *green* in it. *Svadhithana chakra* has to do with our feelings, our likes and dislikes. It is a matter of common experience that this *chakra* is agitated when we are disgusted with something; then we suddenly become "sick at the stomach," as Bro. C. W. Leadbeater remarks. Its power is *Kriya shakti*, the creative thought power, which has for its channels *Ida* and *Pingala*, the two currents of Fohatic fire on both sides of Sushumna along the spine to the Brahma-randra. *Apāna*, "down-going life-wind," has been given as the corresponding prana or vital breath, and *Apas*, or water, as its element. This *chakra* acts through the solar plexus on the pancreas, the liver, the gall bladder, and the digestive organs in general.

Then comes the hypogastric plexus, with *Manipura* as the corresponding *chakra*, near the spleen in the body. This *chakra* is described as having six petals or undulations and being very radiant, *fiery* and *sunlike*. It distributes in the body the vitality which we get from the Sun through the heart *chakra* and gives us memory of our astral travels. Its power is *Ichchha shakti*, "the power of will." *Samāna*, "uniting life-breath," is given as its corresponding prana or vital breath, and *Tejas*, fire, as its element. This *chakra* acts through the hypogastric plexus on the spleen and the adrenals.

Over the heart in the body is the cardiac plexus, which corresponds to *Anahata chakra*. This etheric vehicle appears as a flower with twelve petals or undulations of a *fiery golden color*. Through this *chakra* we understand and feel the sorrows of others, and through it as a channel we send out healing radiations to the sick. As its tattva or element is given *Vayu*, air, as its life breath *Prāna*, "out-going life-wind," and as its power *Jnāna shakti*, "the power of knowledge." This *chakra* acts through the cardiac plexus on the blood, the vital fluid of the body.

In the throat we find the pharyngeal plexus, corresponding to *Visuddha chakra*, which has sixteen apparent divisions. The clairvoyants tell us that there is a good deal of *blue* in it, but that its general appearance is *silvery, radiant*, like moonlight on moving water. When we are able to fully vitalize that *chakra*, then we become clairaudient. Its element is given as *Akasha*,

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The STARS of JANUARY

By Libra

FOR those who prefer to read the marvelous records of the Heavens in the starry firmament itself, rather than in the signs and symbols of the astrologer's chart, it is vastly easier to consider the meridian, or *medium coeli*, the point directly overhead, as a guide than to take the ascendant or Eastern Horizon as the center of vision. Therefore we will turn our eyes during the month of January directly overhead, there to discover the drama of the challenge of the Bull (*Taurus*) to *Orion*.

The constellations which pass our meridian in the months of January, February and March present to us the most brilliant and interesting portion of the heavens. The stars in these constellations are so brilliant, and the designs so simple that even the most inexperienced may gain the thrill of tracing them out.

Now *Taurus* appears to be in a great state of rage at *Orion*, who, brilliantly girt, with a club in one hand, and sword in belt, is ready to give battle to the Bull. From this it has been argued that *Orion* was the first candidate for political preferment but the fact that he has never yet thrown the bull—but only threatened to, makes the story a little hard to believe.

Taurus is now the second sign, and third constellation of the Zodiac, but along about the time Father Abraham was tending his sheep—some 4000 years ago—the year opened when the Sun was in *Taurus*, and for more than 2000 years the Bull was the leader of the Zodiacal hosts. Then it was *Aries*, the *Ram*—and now the *Fishes*, or *Pisces*, lead the procession under the sign, *Aries*.

Taurus contains 141 visible stars, including the two remarkable clusters, the *Hyades* and the *Pleiades*. The *Pleiades* is on the shoulder, and the *Hyades* in the face of the Bull.

According to fable, the *Pleiades* were the seven daughters of *Atlas* and nymph *Pleione*, or, if you are more literal minded, say, with Dr. Hutton, that *Atlas*, being the first astronomer to note the cluster, named them after the daughters of his wife, *Pleione*. At any rate Mrs. *Atlas* did a good job of raising the family, for only one of them went wrong. She was *Merope*, who married a mortal, and for that reason her star is the dimmest of the cluster. Her sisters are called *Alcyone*, *Merone*, *Maia*, *Electra*, *Tayeta*, *Sterope* and *Celene*. They are fairly bright girls as you can see. Dr. Hook, who wanted a better look at the seven sisters, pushed a telescope in their direction, and discovered a total of 78 stars in the cluster, whereupon *Rheita*, not to be outdone, took a larger lens and found over 200. Many astronomers since, with better lenses and even greater curiosity have found a greater number.

The most ancient authors *Homer*, *Attalus*, and *Geminus* counted only 6 *Pleiades*, but *Simonides*, *Varro*, *Pliny*, *Aratus*, *Hipparchus* and *Ptolemy* numbered them as seven and it was said the seventh had been seen with the naked eye before the burning of *Troy*. The

Pleiades family gets its name from the Greek word *Plein* to sail, because they were considered at this season of the year, the "star of the ocean" to the lost mariner. *Alcyone* is called the "Light of the *Pleiades*" being of the 3rd magnitude and very bright. Her sisters are of the 4th and 5th magnitudes. The *Pleiades*, or as they are sometimes familiarly known, the seven stars, come to the meridian about ten minutes before 9 o'clock the evening of January 1. According to *Hesiod* who wrote about 900 B. C., the heliacal rising of the *Pleiades* took place on the 11th of May about the time of harvest:

"When, *Atlas* born, the *Pleid* stars arise,
Before the Sun above the dawning skies,
'Tis time to reap; and when they sink below
The morn illumined West 'tis time to sow."

Thus, in all ages have the stars been observed by the husbandman "for signs and for seasons."

The *Pleiades* are also sometimes called *Virgiliae* or "the *Virgins of Spring*" because the sun enters this cluster in the "season of blossoms," about the 18th or 19th of May. In *Job* this allusion is manifest in the demand of the Almighty "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the *Pleiades*?" The Syrian name of the *Pleiades* is *Succoth*, or *Succoth-Benoth*, derived from a Chaldaic word which signifies "to speculate, to observe," and the "men of *Succoth* (*II Kings*, 17:30) have been considered to be observers of the stars.

The *Hyades* are situated 11° S. E. of the *Pleiades*, and are a melancholy group, sometimes called "the weepers" because they are presumed to influence the natural phenomena of rain. They are in the face of the Bull, and may be readily distinguished by means of five stars (although the ancient Greeks counted 7) so placed as to form the letter V. The most brilliant, on the left at the top of the letter is *Aldebaran*, from which the moon's distance is usually computed. It comes to the meridian about 9 o'clock on the 10th of January, or 48½ minutes after *Alcyone* on the first. When *Aries* is about 27° high, *Aldebaran* is just rising in the east, so *Manilius* writes,

"Thus, when the *Ram* hath doubled ten degrees
And joined seven more, then rise the *Hyades*."

A line 15½° E. N. E. of *Aldebaran* will point out a bright star of the 2nd magnitude in the extremity of the northern horn, marked *Beta*, or *El Nath*. (This star is also in the foot of *Auriga* and is counted in both constellations). From *Beta* to *Zeta* in the tip of the Southern horn it is 8° in a southerly direction. That very bright star N. of *Beta* 17½° is *Capella* (in *Auriga*).

Taurus, according to Greek mythology, was the bull which bore *Europa* over the seas to that part of the world which bears her name. She was the daughter of *Agenor*, and princess of *Phoenicia*. She was so beautiful that *Jupiter* became enamoured of her, and, assuming the shape of a snow white bull, he mingled

with the herds of Agenor, while Europa and her female attendants were gathering flowers. Europa caressed the beautiful animal, and at last gathered enough courage to climb upon his back. The god immediately rushed for the sea, and swam with her to Crete. It is said she lived about 1552 B. C. It is probable, however, that this constellation had a place in the Zodiac before the Greeks began to cultivate a knowledge of the stars; and that the constellation was the invention of either the Chaldeans or the Egyptians. Both the Egyptians and the Chaldeans worshipped a deity under this figure by the name of *Apis*. And Belzoni is said to have found an embalmed bull in one of the sacred sepulchres near Thebes. In the Hebrew Zodiac the Bull is ascribed to Joseph.

Ptolemy makes the following observations: "Those stars in Taurus which are in the abscission of the sign, resemble in their temperament, the influence of Venus, and in some degree that of Saturn . . . the stars in the head (except Aldebaran) resemble Saturn and partly Mercury; and those at the top of the horns are like Mars." By the Kabalists Taurus is associated with the Hebrew letter Aleph and the first Tarot Trump,

Whoever looks upward to the constellation of Orion and learns its name, will never forget it. It is too beautifully splendid to need description. When it is on the meridian, there is then above the horizon the most magnificent view of the celestial bodies the firmament affords, and it is visible to all the habitable world, because the equinoctial passes through the middle of the constellation. It is represented on the celestial maps in the figure of a man assailing the Bull with a sword in his belt, a club in his right hand, and the skin of a lion in the other to serve as a shield.

The center of the constellation is midway between the poles of the heavens, and directly over the equator. It is also about 8° W. of the solstitial colure, and comes to the meridian about the 23rd of January. The whole number of visible stars in the constellation is 78. Two are of the 1st magnitude, 4 of the 2nd and 3 of the 3rd and 15 of the 4th.

Those four brilliant stars in the form of a long square intersected in the middle by the "Three Stars" or the "belt of Orion" about 25° S. of the Bull's horns, form the outlines of Orion.

The two upper stars in the parallelogram are about 15° N. of the two lower ones; and, being placed on each shoulder, are sometimes called the "epaulettes" of Orion. The brightest of the two lower ones is in the left foot, and the other, the least brilliant of the four is in the right knee. To be more particular, *Bellatrix*, a star of the 2nd magnitude, on the W. shoulder; *Betelgeuse*, a star of the 1st magnitude, 7½° E. of *Bellatrix*, on the E. shoulder; *Rigel*, a splendid star of the first magnitude in the left foot on the W., and *Saiph*, a star of the 3rd magnitude in the right knee, 8½° E. of *Rigel*.

There is a little triangle of three small stars in the head of Orion, which forms a larger triangle with the two in his shoulders. In the middle of the parallelogram are three stars of the 2nd magnitude that form the "belt," forming a line about 3° in length. They are sometimes called "the three Kings" because they point out the *Pleiades* and *Hyades* on one side, and *Sirius* or the *Dog star* on the other. The University of Leipsig in 1807 gave them the name of *Napoleon*. It didn't stick. The northernmost star of

the "belt," called *Mintaka* is on the meridian, nearly over the Equator the 24th of January.

In the "Sword of Orion" a little below a star called *Thabit*, there is a nebulous cluster, through which is seen one of the most awesome phenomena of the heavens. Looking with a telescope or strong field glass through this cluster, one seems to be gazing through a window of our universe, out upon another of equal vastness and complexity.

According to ancient authorities, Orion was the son of Neptune and Queen Euryale, a famous Amazonian huntress, and, taking after his mother, Orion became the greatest of hunters, and boasted that there was not an animal on earth he could not conquer. To punish this vanity it was said that a scorpion sprung up out of the earth and bit his foot so that he died. At the request of Diana he was placed among the stars directly opposite to the *Scorpion* that caused his death. Others say Orion had no mother, but was the gift of the gods *Jupiter*, *Neptune* and *Mercury* to a peasant of Boeotia as a reward of piety, and that he was invested with the power of walking over the sea without wetting his feet. In strength and stature he surpassed all other mortals. He was skilled in the working of iron, from which he fabricated a subterranean palace for *Vulcan*; he also walled in the coast of Sicily from the sea and erected temples in it to its gods. There is a vast amount of mythology of interest centered about Orion, which space here forbids but which the student is urged to seek in standard works upon the subject.

The name of this constellation is mentioned in the books of Job, Amos, and in Homer.

According to Ptolemy, the bright stars, with the exception of *Betelgeuse* and *Bellatrix*, are like Jupiter and Saturn. It is said to give a strong and dignified nature, self-confidence, inconstancy, arrogance, violence, impiety, prosperity in trade, and particularly by voyages or abroad but also dangers of treachery and poison. It was thought by the Romans to be very harmful to cattle and productive of storms. By the Kabalists it is associated with the Hebrew letter *Aleph*, and the first Tarot Trump, "The Juggler."

Lepus, the Hare, is a constellation located directly S. of Orion and comes to the meridian at the same time, the 24th of January. It has a mean declination 18° S. and contains 19 small stars of which the four principal ones are of the 3rd magnitude. *Zeta*, (4th M.) is the first star and is situated in the back, 5° S. of *Saiph* in Orion. About the same distance below *Zeta* are four principal stars in the legs and feet. These form a square. *Alpha* and *Beta* (otherwise called *Arnes*) form the N. W. end of the trapezium, about 3° apart. *Gamma* and *Delta* form the S. E. end and are about 2½° apart. Four or five degrees S. of *Rigel* are four very minute stars which form the ears of the Hare. The constellation is situated about 18° W. of the *Great Dog* (*Canis Major*) which, from the motion of the earth seems to be pursuing *Lepus* as the *Greyhounds* do *The Bear* around the skies. It was one of those animals which Orion is said to have delighted in hunting, and for this reason was made into a constellation and placed near him in the heavens.

Columba, or *Noah's Dove* as it is sometimes called, is about 16° W. of the Hare and is nearly on the same meridian with the *Three Stars* or "belt" of Orion.

It contains only 10 stars about 2½° apart. *Phaet*, the principal star, lies on the right and is the highest. The name "Noah's Dove" explains its story.

Columba, astrologically, gives a gentle, kind, timid, innocent, self-sacrificing nature together with strength of spirit.

According to Ptolemy, all the stars of *Eridanus* with the exception of *Achernar*, are like Saturn. He gives a love of knowledge and science, much travel and many changes, a position of authority, but danger of accidents, especially at sea, and of drowning.

Eridanus, or *The River Po*, meanders over a very irregular space in the Heavens, and it is not easy nor desirable to trace out all its windings. It is more than 130° in length. The Northern half commences near *Rigel* in the foot of Orion, and flows out westerly in a serpentine course, nearly 40° to the *Whale*. It has 84 stars which exceed the ambition of even a real star "fan" to trace. Finding *Eridanus* is a great tax on the back of the neck and the patience.

Lepus, according to Ptolemy, acts astrologically like Saturn plus Mercury. It gives a quick wit, timidity, circumspection, fecundity and defiance.

Auriga, the Charioteer, also called the *Wagoner* is represented by the figure of a man in a reclining position, with one foot upon the horn of *Taurus*, with a goat and her kids in his left hand, and a bridle in his right. It is N. of Orion and *Taurus*, between *Perseus* on the W. and the *Lynx* on the E. Its mean declination is 45° N. so that when it is on the meridian it is almost directly overhead in New England. It is on the same meridian with Orion and culminates at the same hour of the night. Both are on the meridian about 9 o'clock on the 1st of January.

The whole number of stars in *Auriga* is 66. *Capella*, (I. M.) in the shoulder, is one of the brightest stars in the heavens. It takes its name from *Capella the Goat*, which hangs upon the left or W. shoulder of *Auriga*. It may be known by a little sharp pointed triangle formed by three stars 3° or 4° to the left of it. It is 18° N. of *El Nath*, which, remember, is common to the foot of *Auriga* and the Northern horn of *Taurus*. *Capella* comes to the meridian on the 19th of January 2½ minutes before *Rigel*, in the foot of Orion, which it very much resembles in brightness.

The Greeks give various accounts of this constellation. Some suppose it to have been *Erichthonius*, fourth king of Athens, and son of *Vulcan* and *Minerva*, who awarded him a place in the heavens on account of his many wonderful and useful inventions. He was a monstrous shape, is said to have invented chariots, and to have excelled all in the management of horses. Other writers say that *Bootes* invented the chariot and that *Auriga* was the son of *Mercury*, and charioteer to *Oenomaus*, King of *Pisa*, and so experienced that he rendered his horses the swiftest in all Greece. But as neither of these fables seems to account for the goat and her kids, it has been supposed that they refer to *Alma-thea* and her sister *Melissa*, who fed *Jupiter* during his infancy, with goat's milk, and that, as a reward for their kindness, they were placed in the heavens. But there is no reason assigned for their being placed in the arms of *Auriga*, and the inference is unavoidable that mythology is at fault on this point. Jamieson is of the opinion that *Auriga* is a mere type or scientific symbol of the beautiful

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This is the first of a series (of PRIZE-WINNING AWARDS given by THE OCCULT DIGEST) which gives scientific guidance through the mathematical calculations of The Science of Astrology—

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IF you ask me, Miss McLean, I should certainly advise you to find some outlet for the tremendous energy with which you are endowed, or else the question may become one of what is to be done with you! You are one of those fine-idealized restless persons, who must be doing some task—usually a little beyond their capacity to finish—or madness threatens to overtake them. Mercurial—with all the swiftness of "the messenger of the gods"—creative, not without a personal pride verging on vanity—capable, artistic, gifted in speech, writing or even the graphic arts—easily adapting yourself to the aims, thoughts, desires or ambitions of a group—you are a born leader (in an interpretative sense) a spokesman and standard-bearer. As Mercury, with winged feet, bore the mystical caduceus, symbol of the wile and wisdom of the gods, so you too, can be a standard-bearer of life's finest things—if you will.

You have more than most persons of your type, that vigor of personal expression which is summed up in the word "personality." And I have selected your query because it is the general question of the world when it stops to think (which is seldom), and because of the extraordinary example which your horoscope reveals of both ruling your stars and of your being ruled by them.

If you were to take a census of your sisters born in the same latitude and longitude as yourself, on the same day, and at about the same hour, you would find some of them apparently less "blessed" than yourself in the matter of personal pulchritude; also you would probably find some of them more generously endowed with physical beauty.

But, such is the compensatory balance of nature, that your more beautiful Gemini companions would, I venture to say, lack something of that fine seriousness, purpose and "divine hunger" that is yours, and the less physically lovely would, in all likelihood, possess more surely the two letters, which added to what you already have, would make of you one of the few and illustrious great. I mean their "ability" would have the letters "s-t" before it perhaps more noticeably. But for the matter of that they would not seem to brilliant—nor would they scintillate among their friends as you do.

The sun was and is very kind to you. Also, if you wonder why you have so little of the Gemini's tallness, remember but a little of this influence remained and while enough was rising at your birth to give you brilliance of intellect, and some fame and a reasonable fortune, to surround you with helpful relatives and start

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you toward success in some artistic pursuit, you are nevertheless much more of Cancer's glory than of Gemini's charm.

For Cancer adds a sociable and amiable disposition (when you are not crossed), a generous character, many friends, good social standing and strengthens the certainty of your artistic success. It is also the reason for your fondness for pleasure and decoration. Less prominent in your makeup is an ability to write, but more prominent owing to the strong Mercurial influence if the galaxy of fixed stars attendant at your birth is a natural loquacity which you would do well to govern a little more than your stars would indicate you do.

You would, unless self training has altered the untrammelled influences of the stars, be apt to make enemies by things you might say. Mercury does not help you here.

You are quite evidently one of those people who always want to know "why"—and despite the fact that you are so mathematical, ever seeking to reduce things to their component parts—you have an excellent sense of humor which I venture to say, has often saved you embarrassment.

Certainly some of the most powerful stars in our Sirian cosmos were conjoined on the Eastern horizon at your birth. These include, if you are interested to know, Bellatrix, Capella, Pliact, Mintaka, El Nath, Eusis, Polaris, Petelgeuse, Menkalinau and Tejat. So that while Neptune wandered near the solitary planetary visitor, there was a host of Mercurial visitants who came—and literally come to stay.

I cannot, of course, go into all the detail of these stars and their significance in the brief limits of my space, but here are the principal features of your natal and progressed charts:

As usual in the case of distinguished people we get here a gathering of forces indicated by conjunctions. It is seen that no less than four heavenly bodies, including the Sun, are found in the 7th and 8th houses, and in the masterful 10th house sign of Capricorn.

Also that the fortunate planet Venus, and Head of the Dragon, symbols of wealth and success are found with the Sun, in this sign in the 8th house of the chart; and making good aspects to the Moon in the 5th; the house of pleasure, theatrical work, social success, amusements, etc.

Capricorn is a cardinal earth sign, and relates to expression or manifestation in



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the outer world of affairs. Its most characteristic feature is its natural instinct for business or public life.

Its vibrations are distinctly physical, and denote the trend of your life to be along the lines of ambition and temporal power. It stands for those things which have to do with the world at large and tends to bring the native before the public for popularity and notoriety; but generally has some drawback attaching to it.

It confers leadership, organizing and executive ability, qualities greatly intensified by the fact that the Sun and three planets (one of them the ruler of the horoscope), are found in this sign.

Referring to the chart of birth it is also seen that the musical and poetic planet Neptune rises upon the Ascendant in the mercurial and artistic sign Gemini. As the ruler of this sign Mercury, the significator of the native, is placed in this powerful 10th house sign Capricorn, the importance of the musical and theatrical line of mental expression is greatly accentuated.

This position is remarkable for its musical and imitative abilities. There should be great vocal range in the speaking or singing voice, or both. The adverse influences to the stage career shown in the horary figure, must be considered as applying more to local and temporary conditions, than to the natural and general expression of the life.

Theatrical interpretation, especially along musical lines or with a musical background as in operatic work, is evidently the line of least resistance, and therefore of the greatest success in this nativity.

This result is emphasized by the fact that the ruler Mercury, is conjoined with Mars, in Capricorn, its exaltation sign. This gives the necessary enthusiasm, energy and force to achieve a high standard of success in the chosen profession.

But it must not be overlooked that business qualities of a high order are also present. It is seen that the fine Mars-Mercury combination makes good aspects to Saturn, Uranus, and the Moon, in the 6th and 5th houses; having the same general significance as the Ascendant and Neptune, plus a very practical and original business capacity, especially as applied to acquiring wealth through speculation, or investment properties of the nature of the earth sign Capricorn; i. e. houses, lands, mines, etc. Oil properties not favorable until the depressing Saturn leaves the sign Scorpio, governing this property, about December second 1926.

Obstacles to the success in the career are seen by the position of Saturn and Uranus in the 6th house of the radical chart, and in close conjunction. As the planet Jupiter, ruler of the house of marriage is found in the 5th house, ruling all theatrical interests in adverse aspect to the planet Mercury, the significator of the native herself; it is likely that opposition to the public career proceeds from the husband, and through him from the children also.

This appears to be a powerful opposition causing much discord and in-harmony, in all probability. Obstacles are also seen in the health conditions, the principal danger arising from a constitutional liability to weakness and diseases of the lungs, and respiratory system. Singing and elocution, are the best possible correctives of this condition; but there will always be extreme sensi-

tiveness to chills and cold, and the diseases arising from them.

The position of these malefics also denotes some liability to troubles of a nervous character, arising from nervous agitation environment; and a very psychic condition generally. Much sickness of an acute nature attends these positions; to which the position of the Moon also contributes; showing a liability to suffer severely in health through unfavorable changes and fluctuating causes.

Later in life, a trouble is likely to develop affecting one of the knees, probably the left one. This may be due to rheumatic conditions, although a slight predisposition to accident in travel may be the immediate cause. This is most likely to occur in the thirtieth year; wherefore all travel and other hazards of that nature should be avoided in that year, as far as possible. Journeys, especially long ones should only be undertaken under good directions to the Moon in that year.

A good augury for the health is seen in the fortunate aspect between the Sun and the Moon; denoting good powers of recuperation; so that illness should be easily overcome, and the balance of power restored in the system.

A constant tendency to change appears in the radical chart, affecting the occupation, profession, and environment, causing frequent removals, changes of residence, and travels. This tendency to change affects the opinions also, which undergo marked change in the course of the life, and sometimes cause the native to hold even contradictory ones, apparently. She changes her religion, or her religious opinions among other things, and shows a greater attraction to occult and metaphysical subjects as life advances.

The conditions affecting marriage show out the prevailing tendency. It is to be noted that a dual sign rises in the radical chart, and a dual sign is found upon the cusp of the house of marriage, showing more than one union during life. The position of the planet, Mercury, the ruler of the nativity, in the marriage house afflicted by Mars, denotes disputes, quarrels or much misunderstanding in the marriage state, and great possibility of separation.

The marriage should be fairly successful from a financial standpoint, but temperamentally difficult, ill assorted, or incompatible. Much worry and nervous anxiety is denoted by this affliction to Mercury. The husband is apparently a popular and pleasure loving man, of professional life. He probably makes good money in his profession, but may spend freely or perhaps squander his wealth.

The good aspects of the fortunate Venus from the husband's house of wealth to Saturn, is fortunate for the accumulation of money; for moneys invested, and for banking; all of which are seen in connection with the husband's financial affairs.

A liability to litigation appears, and some difficulty in bringing legal disputes to a termination, as a general thing. Also loss, trouble, annoyance, and much unprofitable correspondence appears in this connection. The adverse aspects of Mars and Mercury to Jupiter, denotes that law should be avoided as much as possible, because of the tendency to suffer at the hands of lawyers and solicitors, shown in the nativity.

The native should benefit financially through marriage, partnerships, legacies, or wills, and the goods of the dead. Sev-

eral love affairs before marriage appear, one of a rather intense nature about the nineteenth year. Should have married about the twentieth year.

Several children belong to the nativity; one should be a daughter. The second child would be difficult to bring up; being more delicate in health than either of the others, in all probability.

Acute illness occurs to the native in childhood carrying danger to the life. One of these occurs about the third year, and another about the seventh year of life. The native's mother may have been in danger of her life at the birth of the native.

Very quick sight, movements, walk, and speech, belong to this nativity. Deep breathing should be practiced at all times; therefore singing or elocutionary exercises are especially valuable.

The colors of the nativity are blue, gray and black. The gems are the onyx and crystal. The year 1926, the 28th year of life, will be one of great importance in the life.

Prospects

The Solar Revolution for the year 1926, shows some very important aspects. The radical Ascendant now moves to the mid heaven, with the Part of Fortune placed therein. Also it is seen that the Moon makes a fortunate application to the fortunate Jupiter from the house of possessions; the former being found in the 5th house of the chart.

This is strong testimony to increase of dignity, popularity, good fortune and a successful year. The position of the Sun and Jupiter in the 5th house is of great interest, as it is the house of the stage, theatrical work, pleasure, social life, etc. Therefore a period of expansion and success along this line may now be looked for.

In corroboration of this fine indication it is seen also that Jupiter is now transiting over the place of the Sun and the fortunate Venus, in the radical chart; in the natural 10th house sign Capricorn. Nothing better for the business, professional, and financial prospects for the coming year could be given than these directions.

The position of the fiery Mars in the fourth house and fiery sign Sagittarius, denotes a possibility of danger of fire in the dwelling place; the direction becoming acute in the early part of November next; about the second or third of the month, in all probability. Great danger of accident in travel is denoted at about the same time. Long distance journeys especially by rail should be avoided during the entire week of this direction, if possible, and also during the week beginning Tuesday, January fifth next.

The direction is acute on January seventh. Some trouble is also likely through secret enemies, who will try to undermine the professional success or domestic happiness, or both. Some indication of a death in the social circle is also threatened.

In effect therefore we may predict a year in which remarkable success and good fortune in the professional and public side of the life alternates with misfortune and possible disruption to the marriage interests, and some danger of a physical nature through accident of the nature of fire, or collision in travel.

In conclusion it is to be noted that the fortunes are now benefiting by a

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PSYCHOANALYSIS and Child Training

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EVERY morsel of food that goes into the child's mouth is accompanied by some mental process. From the very beginning when the infant takes the breast there is transmitted to the mind of the child a stream of impressions that are either pleasant or disagreeable. According to the type of impression registered on the child's mind, a food will be received as a definite meaning by means of association.

Suppose that the mother fusses with the child continually in an effort to insure sufficient nourishment. The fussy actions of the mother will be repelled by the child and taking food will be associated with being bothered and made uncomfortable. In the future that child will develop fussy eating habits and be a constant source of worry.

Later on we find this type of mother constantly calling attention to the child's refusal to eat, urging, nagging and all in all making of the eating process a source of irritation to the youngster. Unconsciously the child will take a delight, a kind of spite in being stubborn regarding food. And where does this habit take its origin? In the fact that the mother is ignorant of the fact that her apparently insignificant acts and attitudes are imprinted indelibly on the mind of her child.

On the other hand a mother who is careful to guide her child in an agreeable state of mind, without anxiety or nagging, will find that the child will take quite naturally to any and all kinds of food, provided it is good food. There will be little said about the food question, the mother taking it for granted that the child will eat without being forced. If you would appreciate the feelings of a child in such a situation, just imagine how you would feel if some tremendous person much stronger than yourself would force you to eat when you take a notion not to. Under these circumstances you would not want to eat, even if you were actually hungry. It is common knowledge that eating while angry or upset interferes with the digestive processes and forms the basis for much ill-health.

It seems that children resist just those foods that are

offered with the common remark, "Now eat this, it is good for you." This seeming stubbornness is not difficult to comprehend when we realize that the particular way in which these remarks are made arouses the child's rebellion against force and the presumption of authority. None of us are very keen about being bossed around as if we don't know anything, least of all little children.

The time is coming when it will be the common knowledge of parents that their children will accumulate a set of interpretations based entirely upon the actions of the people coming in contact with the children. Whatever objectionable habits shown by the child will be corrected solely by regulating the actions of those in control of the child. A little tot is constantly imitating those surrounding him and, strange to say, he is attracted more by faulty actions of people than by favorable ones. A child has the uncanny faculty of picking our flaws for imitation while he may ignore our good points. The reason for this is that a child gives particular attention to emotional display of any kind. We find the same inclination in the grownups who are far more attracted by hair-raising sights than we are by ordinary decent actions. If this were not so the theatres would soon lose their patronage. We get a "kick" out of sensational display so we may not be surprised to find the same impulse in children.

Problem

A child worried his mother because of a stubborn refusal to eat any vegetables. He would spit them out and go into a tantrum if forced to take a mouthful. This reaction was not forthcoming with any other food but vegetables.

Solution

A careful survey of the situation disclosed the fact that the mother was a "food fan." In other words, she entertained a fanatical prejudice in favor of vegetables over all other foods. Now we are not concerned with the relative merits of foods. But it is significant that the

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LISTENING IN ON W-O-R-L-D

News Notes of Interest to Occultists

BUDDHA "SHALL NOT PASS"
Clergy Oppose Placing of His Statue

NEW YORK.—The vision of Buddha crosslegged in a quiet corner of Central park is not an appealing one to the Christian and Jewish clergy of New York. They comment with disapproval, irony, and amusement on the proposal made by two Buddhists to Francis D. Gallatin, commissioner of parks, that an image of their god should find a place in Central park.

The commissioner is submitting the proposal to the municipal art commission as an act of courtesy, but he denies that an application to proceed with the work has been made by the park department. To assuage the fears of the ministers he let it be known that Buddha is likely to remain squatted on the pedestal of the incense burner or perfume bottle and far from the green sward of the park.

Mr. Gallatin does not think the park a suitable place for religious statues of any kind—Venus, Bacchus, and other mythical figures, perhaps—but not the founders of religions. He was much surprised when C. Jaundoo and Fernand E. Querroy approached him with plans for a shrine designed by Jules Laget.

He had had requests for gospel tents and prayer meeting stands, but never a suggestion for anything so bizarre as a shrine with Buddha enthroned within. He was informed, among other things, that there were five or six thousand Buddhists in the vicinity of New York.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise refused to take the project seriously.

"I wonder whether the proposal to erect a statue in Central park to Buddha comes from Will Rogers," he commented. "It is quite worthy of his fertile wit. Buddha! What's the matter with Mahomet? What's the matter with Confucius, to say nothing of Bab? And there is a sect called the Mormons, and there was a Mrs. Eddy. What's the matter with any or all of these?"

"Let's have a nice, quiet lane in Central park to be set apart for the figures of religious founders from Buddha to the Bab, and let the devotees of these masters meet in friendly disputation with soon to be ex-Mayor Hylan as umpire or Controller Craig as alternate.

"We have a Hall of Fame. Why not have the Mall—not hall—occupied by the figures we have made, and over it all be there invoked the spirit of Mark Twain or Oliver Wendell Holmes (father, not son) to do the irenic company ample justice.

"Three cheers for Buddha!"

Dr. Christian F. Reisner of the Methodist church was frankly denunciatory.

"It is ridiculous," he said. "This is a Christian land. No religion on earth teaches the brotherhood of man but the Christian religion. No one would think of permitting this. A sect that decrees its girl babies be thrown into ash cans!

"Moreover, we put up statues of our

saints as reminders. But a statue of Buddha is a shrine to be worshiped."

"I think we should keep the statue of Buddha out of the park, by all means," said Monsignor John L. Belford, rector of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn. "If we put up a statue of Buddha in a public place, why not erect statues of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints? But I do not believe that there should be any such religious statues in the parks."

The Rev. Dr. J. Lane Miller, pastor of the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal church, Brooklyn, views the incident as a challenge to the Christians of America to consider how "their own country is drifting."

"Home missionary effort has now come to America's shores, and before we can hope satisfactorily to Christianize the world we must see to it that pagan and alien religious elements in our own community are reached," he declared.

—Chicago Tribune.

KILL IDIOT CHILDREN

German Scientist Says Parents of Defectives Favor Death

BERLIN.—A majority of German parents of children suffering from incurable mental or physical disease are willing to have their children's lives snuffed out, according to a study made by Dr. Ewald Meltzer, prominent physician and director of an asylum for imbecile children in Saxony.

Dr. Meltzer reveals in a book which he has just published that he asked 200 parents of his patients whether they would agree to the premeditated death of their children. One hundred and nineteen of the parents answered in the affirmative and only forty-three were definitely in the negative.

Dr. Meltzer states that he made an effort to analyze the motives of the answers and finds that most of the parents who were in favor of having their children put to death were prompted by the desire to rid themselves of the financial and mental burden of defective children. Some of the parents answered: "Kill them, but it must not cost us anything."

Dr. Meltzer states that the answers in the negative were emphatic protests from parents who declared they would not cease to love their unhappy little ones and could never consent to their being put to death.

Dr. Meltzer arrives at the conclusion that for ethical reasons, the killing of demented or physically unfit persons should not be sanctioned by law. Such a law, he states, would not be of advantage to mankind. On the contrary, he states, morals would be thoroughly undermined and confidence in physicians and asylums would be shaken.

—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

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DAILY GUIDE for January

Days

1. A day of crossed purposes. Avoid misunderstandings.
2. Attend to correspondence. Avoid opposite sex in P. M.
3. Seek pleasures. Visit. Plan nothing of importance.
4. Push business. Deal with those in high positions. Make appointments.
5. Remain quiet. Afternoon more favorable for buying or selling.
6. Travel. Deal with superiors. Seek employment. Avoid opposite sex.
7. An unimportant day. Start nothing new.
8. Same as yesterday.
9. Push business. Make appointments. Visit.
10. Unimportant.
11. Avoid disputes. Keep cool. Avoid accidents and excitement.
12. Travel. Push activities. Ask favors of superiors. Seek work.
13. Mingled influences prevail. Be careful.
14. Travel. Start new things. Buy. Sell. Push all affairs.
15. Travel. Remove. Sign agreements. Correspond.
16. Unfavorable. Remain quiet.
17. Same as yesterday.
18. Push business.
19. Doubtful. Do not travel or remove.
20. Ask favors. Seek pleasure.
21. Unfortunate. Remain quiet.
22. A. M. favorable for business. P. M. calm.
23. Ask favors. Seek employment. Mingle with opposite sex.
24. Avoid trouble and fights. Keep calm.
25. Mingled aspects. Be careful.
26. Unfortunate. Keep quiet.
27. Good only for speculating.
28. Do not speculate. Avoid those in high positions.
29. A day to be careful. Watch all efforts carefully.
30. Unfavorable for active pursuits.
31. Unimportant. Be calm.

☾ Were You Born December 22 to January 20?

My STARS—*And What They Tell Me!* under *The Sign of Capricorn—The Symbol of Evolution*

☾ Were You Born in the Same Sign as

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DANIEL WEBSTER,
EDGAR ALLEN POE,
JOAN OF ARC.

CAPRICORN

is an earthly, tropical, serving, cold, dry, movable sign. It rules the knees of mankind, and also controls public endeavors and affairs of a serving nature.

The sons and daughters of this sign are usually unsettled in life. They never seem to be entirely satisfied with their surroundings, occupation or friends. They are of the type which is constantly striving to better themselves and those about them. They are seldom successful in their own business, unless connected with a partner of an intellectual nature. Great executive powers are theirs, and they are generally spoken of as great and conscientious workers.

These people have excellent memory, and can train themselves to become a "walking-encyclopedia" of knowledge inasmuch as they perceive instantly and retain that which they have observed mentally for all time.

Persons born in this sign are sharp witted, and usually are hard to overcome in argument. They are somewhat sensitive and proud, and always like to keep up appearances for fear of what others might say or think of them. They are eccentric to a great degree, independent, clear thinkers, just reasoners, executive, and quite successful as leaders of large corporations.

Capricorn people are constantly lending a helping hand to those about them, not only to friends, but to all those with whom they come in contact, and they often act upon impulse in this respect, afterward being somewhat surprised at themselves upon their sudden and peculiar actions.

The greatest fault of these people is their tendency to do too many things at once. Their ambitions far exceed the time they have to carry out their plans, hence they

By Haasan Osiris

try to carry along several lines of endeavor at the same time. They

should learn that there is always a tomorrow, and not try to crowd too much into each day. By controlling their over-activity, they will in this way rise to great heights of success, and become quite wealthy after middle age. If this tendency is not conquered they will live a very unsettled and unsatisfactory life.

They need to learn to develop their judgment, in many things. Their over-anxiety usually pushes all judgment aside and causes them to speak and act many times at an inopportune time.

These people seem to see things entirely different from their fellow-beings, and often wonder why others do not comprehend the things that they do! They should remember that those born in a lesser intellectual sign can not see that which the intuition or instinct of a Capricorn native tells him! They should then never criticize too freely, however they are usually found to be quite peaceable and agreeable to associate with.

Education and culture appeals to the Capricorn person, and they always try to imitate it. They sometimes take great interest or admiration in certain persons and enjoy adopting some of the peculiarities of speech or actions of others.

They should develop self-confidence, and refrain from seeking encouragement from others so often. They can stand on their own feet, and are fully qualified to fight their own battles.

The business or personal affairs of Capricorn people never seem to run smoothly, and they are due many ups and downs throughout life, however by sheer determination and thrift, which they possess to a great degree, they will rise to the top on the ladder of success.

WHAT THE OCCULT DIGEST WANTS TO KNOW—

—If 1926 will be compelled to wear the old shoes of 1925 and carry the old worn gripsack of 1620?

—If young LaFollette will set the pace for the next hundred years or will another youth get a chance within a half-century?

—If we are civilized, do we need a world court?

—Where are the government watch dogs—*now?*

—If the latest piece of Washington scandal will spring the steel trap?

—Who is sleeping at the switch?

—If Col. Mitchell will be deported, or—will the watchman wake up?

—Who's in the silence zone now?

—If we will have prohibition on the streets and in public places when the breweries are closed, or will the stills be still stills in the out-of-the-way places?

—If the latest news from Washington is a threat or just a low growl to warn the sleeping sentinels?

—Why a few people set themselves the task of telling the rest of the people what they shall read, hear, see and wear?

—Why this country is called "Free" when woman is under the bondage of dress because of man's moral weaknesses?

—If the brute nature of man will die out with the breaking of woman's bondage?

—If the short skirt will not bring about a reform in thinking that will cure the infamy of immoral acting?

—If, in the new regime of wearing apparel, we will not have become so natural that neither children nor grown-ups may have cause for embarrassment in each others company?

—If, when the new era dawns, humanity will be concerned about how we dress?

—If modesty or immodesty will not be governed by how we speak and act rather than with the outlines of woman's dress?

—If we shall know each other better when the mists have cleared away?

—When reformers will cease their monkey-chatter that there may be peace in the civilized jungles?

—If the disregard of motherhood in youth is the cause of so much abuse of children by parents?

—If you owe your crippled spine to those who lifted you by one arm when you first began to walk alone?

—If sickness is a claim, isn't healing a delusion?

—If evil can only manifest when good is absent, why not keep good manifesting?

—If a man at middle age should be handicapped by anything he did while imitating his seniors in his youth?

—Why we fool with the question of religion as an aftermath when we die?

—If we live forever, do we live in a country that provides for all our wants?

—How many corner stones of Truth were laid?

—If there is only one Truth, how can it have so many Heads?

—If the Christian ever thought that Jesus was the only one who saw the dove and heard the words, "This is my beloved Son," etc., as recorded in Matthew 3-16?

THE TERROR OF THE WERE-WOLF

Medieval Superstition Survives the Centuries

UTTENWEIN, Alsace, Dec. 14.—Uttenwein is panic-stricken, Constable Joseph Sur has been sentenced to prison for two years and a mischievous small boy is dead, all on account of an ancient tale of the werewolf.

Constable Sur believed his cottage was haunted. "Animals with human faces" appeared there at night, he said. Villagers, mindful of the ancient legend of the werewolf, developed a severe case of nerves. Two mischievous boys took advantage of the fears and began playing on the suspicion by "haunting" cottages at night.

The villagers came to believe the boys were sorcerers, with power to change at night into animals.

When the constable saw outside his home a dim figure with the face of a boy he shot it.

The village still fears the werewolf and many regard Sur as a protector.

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

ANCESTRAL GHOST BOBS HAIR

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Rumors that a celebrated lady ghost has reappeared, this time with bobbed hair, are attracting wide attention in the south of England. For more than two centuries succeeding generations in the same family report seeing her long flowing hair and white robe.

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

MAGIC FAILS TO SAVE KING

JOHANNESBURG (Africa) Dec. 13.—Accounts published here describe a revival of pagan practices as attending the last hours of Sekgoma (Khama's son), paramount chief of Bechuanaland. After sixty years of Christianization the Bamangwato tribe sought to save their hereditary ruler not by their professed religion or medical science but by the primitive practices of their forefathers—simples and the black art of their magicians. The government medical officer, Dr. Drew, was ordered to leave the chamber while the witch doctors tried to save Sekgoma's life, by their incantations and charms. When the chief was breathing his last

the magicians, alarmed, rushed for the help of the surgeon again, but when Dr. Drew returned, too late, the witch doctors, fearful of the vengeance of the people, rushed around accusing Dr. Drew of poisoning Sekgoma. A very dangerous situation developed at Serowe, which was in a state of excitement for several days.

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

PSYCHICS SEEK SEER

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Police and relatives of Mme. Jurjewskaja, the "Russian Nightingale," of the Berlin State Opera, who recently committed suicide in Switzerland, are overrun by psychists, telepathists, second-sight experts and others claiming occult powers, who insist the singer still is alive and offer to find her.

Some are honest in their beliefs, while some want money or are seeking free publicity.

Though 100 men are searching for the body at Andermatt, where the singer hurled herself from Devil's Bridge into the River Reuss, it has not been found. Neither the police nor Mme. Jurjewskaja's relatives, however, have any doubt of her death.—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

TWIN SOULS

Remarkable Case of Parallelism

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The old theory that twins always suffer together is confirmed by at least one remarkable coincidence which has just occurred at Eastbourne, on the south coast of England.

Fred Crowhurst was riding a push bicycle when he collided with a motorcyclist, was badly injured, and was taken to a hospital. When the policeman went to tell the boy's mother he found the twin brother lying on a sofa, suffering from an injured knee.

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

HOUDINI SUED FOR \$100,000

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 12.—Harry Houdini, magician; John Smith, his manager, and Miss Frances Rand, a woman detective, were served summonses today in a suit for \$100,000 filed in Dedham Superior Court by the Rev. Fred A. Wiggins of Brookline, spiritualist pastor. Houdini aided Miss Rand in obtaining evidence against mediums here. The evidence was turned over to the police.

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

Saving the Brains of America

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situation with equal alarm. But enough of these. I used the above statements merely as examples of what has been appearing from the pens of other men, interested, as I am, in the prevention and cure of mental and nervous disorders.

I can cite case after case of prominent men and women, who have come to me on the verge of insanity, or already insane, and of leading intellectuals who are suffering from one or another of the many forms of nervousness.

Some are so far gone that I refuse to take their cases. Others, while seriously affected, imagine that they can cure themselves by taking up Christian Science or other cult methods. Others have reached the stage where they are unwilling to co-operate in a cure and subconsciously desire to go insane. Still others are constitutional psychopaths, who can never be entirely cured, but will have periods of normality, followed by more or less regular relapses. Under the proper environment and direction, some

of these latter may be able to live fairly normal lives.

My experiences, probably, are no different from those of any other psychologist in the field of nervous and mental disorders. The bulk of my practice comes from two classes—the intellectuals and the wealthy.

Both have been leaders in their fields. Both have achieved more or less success, as it is reckoned by their associates. Yet they are failures from the standpoint of nervous and mental health.

A few days ago a millionaire consulted me about his condition which was very serious. I was a few moments late to the appointment and my tardiness was inexcusable to him.

"I have had to wait for you quite a while," he complained.

"You will have to do a great deal more waiting," I answered him, "if you want to get back to normal. The only way that I can be of help to you is by leading a less strenuous life than you are doing."

NEWS of PSYCHIC ACTIVITIES

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♣ MALCOLM BIRD CALLS MARGERY GENUINE

THE Annual Camp Meeting of the United States Spiritualists at Lily Dale has again been a gigantic success. The full reports of the gathering make interesting reading, and one wishes that the Spiritualists of Great Britain could have at least a week's Convention, in which to extend the fraternal relationships between the Spiritualists of this country, and to study the many complex problems which arise in the study of Spiritualism. The Annual Convention of the National Association is part of the programme of the Camp Meetings, and was full of interest.

The Annual Report and President's Address go to show that there are some 600 Spiritualist Churches in the States who are affiliated with the N. S. A.

Striking testimony concerning the mediumship of Mrs. Crandon, popularly known as "Margery," was given in an address by Mr. Malcolm Bird. Mr. Bird was one of the Editors of the *Scientific American*, and was a member of the Committee appointed by that journal to investigate psychic phenomena through "Margery." Mr. Harry Houdini, the illusionist and music hall artiste, was another of the party, and Mr. Houdini deliberately set himself out to discredit the medium, whether her phenomena were genuine or not. Mr. Bird told part of the story in an address at Lily Dale on August 24th, which is summarised as follows in the *National Spiritualist* (U. S. A.):—

"I am at a loss how to introduce the subject of psychical research. If the audience know nothing about it, it is difficult to put them in a state of mind where they can appreciate what I am talking about. And if they know something about it, they are usually Spiritualists making a religion of science.

"The phenomena are of two sorts: physical and mental, as spirit messages. I think most Spiritualists regard messages as superior to physical phenomena. Speaking in a religious sense, that is undoubtedly true; but the scientist who all his life has dealt with physical causes finds these physical phenomena absorbing. If they occur, they will ultimately force a revision of scientific principles. You have to forgive the scientist for questioning occurrence and insisting on proof, because it is necessary. When he does question their occurrence with a fair mind, he finds that they do occur.

"My name has been tied up with a case which has gone as far in the direction of proving that statement as any other physical case. I refer to the Margery mediumship. It was discovered in May, 1923. First it was manifested once a week, and then more frequently, until now she is fortunate if

she gets one night a week for something else. The first year of her mediumship was devoted to more or less sporadic experiments among Margery's friends. They were not getting anywhere, and they turned the case over to the *Scientific American* committee, which had the simple task of finding out whether the phenomena were genuine or fraudulent. It dragged along some months, and ultimately reached a position where the Committee said they did not know whether these things were fraudulent or not; they did not know how to find out. There has always been an atmosphere in which the investigator did not know where he was going. At the present time we are trying to find out what makes the phenomena. One answer is that the medium's dead brother is present and does the things, but that is not a complete answer. If he is making bodies move, we must still have an explanation in physical terms of how he does it. You must admit there are mediumistic frauds, and they are more numerous in the physical field than in any other. This being so, scientists feel that they must be on the lookout.

"I am asked how much of the Margery phenomena I regard as genuine. I always appear to be dodging. I say a certain percentage occur under conditions where we can say they are genuine, and the rest are under conditions where we are not certain. Those we say are genuine were under adequate conditions. We concentrate on those of which we are certain, and let it go at that. There is a movement of bodies without human contact. Orthodox science, which says it cannot occur, jumps at conclusions. As a matter of fact, I can cause motion without contact in several ways, by means of a magnet or electric field, or by taking an object in my hand and dropping it. So science is denying something which it knows is true. We know there is another way in the seance room, but we do not know what it is. Most of the Margery phenomena is motion without contact. Everything is liable to move unless it is nailed down. Then there are whisperings, raps and various sounds without physical means, which we group and label as supernormal. If we sit in total darkness we get psychic lights floating about through the air. All these things occur without the medium being entranced. If we permit her to go into a trance we get extrusion of a curious substance, which does not seem to be matter in the sense in which we use that word. We can see it and touch it and photograph it, but cannot say what it is. So we have coined the word ectoplasm. There are various ideas as to what its function is. It seems to have something to do with the phenomena. It is impossible to generalise about it. While the physical phenomena occur, Walter carries on conversation, telling what is going on, what is going to happen, the conversa-

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DREAMS

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MEA, Ia—Walking down a big hill with a friend who carried a protecting umbrella would indicate protection through trouble. Missing her after reaching destination indicates only temporary help given. Other friends visiting with you, show a relief from care before starting on to more pretentious activities. A young child, in a dream, is always a new undertaking. The man losing the chicken coop, with the chickens signifies that whoever tries to steal from you will not be successful. Your brother protecting you would point to the fact that your own people are your best friends; also that you should remain friends with them as you will need them in an emergency.

AB, Calif—Your dream was a psychic experience. You were simply astral body traveling in the country of the dead where your husband dwells. You were meeting with trivial obstacles; that is all. You, no doubt, will be able to find your way alone without difficulty, in the near future. It was not lack of courtesy on his part; he was aiding you in traveling alone as all successful travelers must be able to do whether in the astral or physical body. Be determined, that you may be an independent traveler.

WEK, Pa—The flesh returning to the skeleton of the Mother, lying in a coffin signifies the revival and renewal of home interests. Your dream is quite symbolic of the hope being fulfilled and permanent recovery effected. This may be applied to business or personal. Indications rather point to both. It does not mean sickness as it refers to a future restoration of a past condition.

BH, Canada—Traveling in a strange country means going into a new business. Lowlands and hills represent the ups and downs in the business. Small and smaller houses, fluctuating profits. The two women standing together, represents a combination which forced you to take other steps which will lead you to the person who would befriend you in an hour of need as the gold nugget, presented by your father, would signify. Father taking you with others to a mine which was working indicates that you and your associates will be successful in your new undertaking. The Hindu lying at ease is a symbol of peace and rest after strenuous labor, coupled with trouble. At home, anywhere, shows you as a person who can find comfort in distressed conditions. The iron blue horse which your father had is an indication of a true friend to whom you can go with all your needs and trials, and receive help. The river, with its bathers signifies that in the end you will be able to retire in affluence. Your dream the night before was a prelude to the one just interpreted which shows the predicament you are in, through which you will attract to you, people who will appreciate your value, resulting in a better understanding. Walking after a corpse, in the main, means that creditors will not mutilate you but will honor you.

tion corresponding with the phenomena. The question presented is, Who or what is Walter? He says he is the medium's dead brother. The only other thing you can believe is that Walter is what psychology calls a dual personality, a subconscious masquerading by Margery as her brother. Even investigators who believe the phenomena to be a physical fraud grant that. I lay aside for the present who or what Walter is. When we have answered all the questions which the physical phenomena raise, we shall be in better condition to deal with it. You would prefer me to say Walter is what he claims to be. I do not pretend to know, but I am interested in knowing what is the physical force or what connection it has with the medium.

"This force has a very strong connection with the reproductive faculties. It is biological and tied up with the reproductive forces of biology. Beyond that we know little about it.

"Flash-light photographs are permitted to be taken of these occurrences in the course of the evening. When an object is being levitated the picture shows this ectoplasm. It has been said that the sitter is hallucinated, but you cannot hallucinate a camera, and you have to choose between genuineness and fraud in that case. We have this psychic photograph, and it has been suggested that the object on the plate is not carried in through the lens, but is produced inside the camera. But when we take the picture, the plate shows the psychic structure in perfect relation to the other objects, which drives us away from the idea that it was produced on the plate instead of through the lens.

"These phenomena have also been recorded in a phonograph. If the phonograph says there was a noise, you cannot charge it to hallucination.

"Houdini has said certain things about Margery that he knows are not true. And further, he has said things about her that I know are not true, whether Houdini knows it or not.

"There can be no question about the incompetence of most of the investigators to handle the case. One professor of psychology who had been exposed to a brilliant demonstration was asked whether he regarded the phenomena as genuinely psychic. He said no, and the only reason he had was that to admit it would be to overthrow the philosophy of his lifetime. It is an illuminating statement. Another who regards himself as an extremely competent researcher heard the ringing of a bell enclosed in a box on his knee. He said the conditions were satisfactory except one; he was not sure whether the bell he heard ring was the bell on his knees or somewhere else. I mention this as showing the character of the investigators, which has resulted in their failure to endorse the phenomena. I might mention another episode which I think is very suggestive. A group of investigators was at work and the question arose whether Dingwall was satisfied as to the phenomena. He said he was not. It appears he changed his mind, but that is not so much the point as that McDougall, of Harvard, was a party to a contract made that a complete record should be made of everything transpiring in the investigation which was regarded as important. Houdini had left the seance room with no allegation of fraud, the record was made, and it contains no suggestion of fraud. The next

day he produced an allegation of fraud, and it was to prevent such post mortem exposures that Dingwall was required to sign the contract. All the facts were to be reported at that time. The record made no suggestion how anyone could account for it on the ground of fraud. McDougall made no such allegation at the time. But some six months later he made certain observations which indicated fraud, and said he did not put that in the record at the time for fear of hurting Dr. Crandon's feelings, or that he would be thrown out of the seance room. And then he asks us to accept his assertion on an equal footing with the record. The record he brings forward is inadmissible.

"Here we have one group of phenomena perhaps not susceptible of scientific analysis. But science will not make any such admission without a struggle. Years ago, if you told a professor or scientific man that you saw things floating in the air without support you would be regarded as a fit subject for the asylum. Now, we have plenty of scientists who take it seriously enough to investigate. My own feeling is that we should prove the physical phenomena and the Margery case has made a heavy contribution towards that end. Scientists insist that every hypothesis shall be supported by facts. But as a matter of fact, scientists do not do that. Their advance has always been aided by the scientist's imagination. When Darwin promulgated his theory of evolution he formulated it without adequate facts to back him up. He had a number of facts, and then went to work with his imagination. Those who follow fill in the cracks. If you do not let imagination play its part, nobody will start anything. But science has refused to do that in psychical research. It has refused to recognize the spirit hypothesis. We ought to advance that explanation or any other that our imagination suggests, and then seek the facts to prove it. That is what the psychical societies are doing. The facts lean more strongly towards the spirit hypothesis than any other. Telepathy does not answer, and we do not know that the spirit hypothesis answers very well. But the spirit hypothesis lines up with the facts and is more consistent than any other, always with the reminder that we do not endorse the spirit hypothesis categorically. The Margery case and others point towards a state of affairs where we might look for a scientific basis that these things are due to some agency which we can not question."

—The Two Worlds.

SLAYS SELF OVER GHOST

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12.—The ghost of the girl he murdered eighteen years ago at Butte, Mont., has caused Sampson R. Penna, 42, to slash his throat.

A few days ago the man came to the sheriff's office and asked to be locked up. "I feel myself slipping," he declared. An examination showed the man to be sane, and he was released.

Later his body was found in a local hotel, his throat slashed from ear to ear.

The story of the "ghost girl" was told by Glen McEwen, a deputy sheriff, who had talked to Penna in the county jail. Further inquiry has verified the facts.

—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

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SCIENTISTS LIVE LIKE SAVAGES

To Study the Primitive Mind

NAIROBI, Dec. 14.—Dr. C. J. Jung of Zurich and Dr. H. E. Baynes of London are to take up their residence for six months among the Bagishu tribe of Mount Elgon for the purpose of studying the primitive mind. They hope to discover evidence of common primitive mental phenomena among civilized and uncivilized man. They also intend to observe their own reactions from contact with the natives. If their studies prove profitable a larger expedition is likely to follow.—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

MAKE HEREDITY TESTS Children of Famous Parents Show Highest Grades

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Mental and physical tests of nearly 1,000 gifted children in California public schools, conducted during a five year period by Professor Terman, noted psychologist of Stanford University, and a corps of assistants, has revealed a number of remarkably interesting things, according to a statement on "gifted children" given out by Albert Edward Wiggam, noted psychologist.

Some of the youngsters learned to read in their second year. The selected group was declared to possess mental powers far in advance of the average adult. They also possess great physical power, and are 25 per cent related to famous people in American history.

First Mental Survey

"California is the first state in the world to search for its geniuses," Wiggam says. "These children are the most probable future leaders of this state."

A summary of tests of 906 "gifted children" during a period of five years shows:

Mental rating from 140 to 190 as compared with the average mental rating of random groups of people of 90 to 100; gifted children weighed three-fourths of a pound more at birth than average babes; mothers reported only 3 per cent of cases of poor health of gifted children during first year of life; large proportion have broad shoulders and hips, strong muscles and well developed lungs.

Youthful Prodigies

Mental superiority is far greater than physical. Nearly half of the gifted group learned to read before starting to school; 26 per cent before the age of 5, 6 per cent before 4 and 1 1-10 per cent before the age of 3. Most of them learned to read without any special instruction.

"The most astounding thing is the general information possessed by these young geniuses," says Wiggam. "This seemed to depend very little upon whether they had been to school or not. Their curiosity has always been insatiable."

"Of the sixty-two members of the hall of fame nearly one-fourth are related to one or more of these children."

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ASTROLOGY

Your Questions Answered by the Stars

Edited by HAASAN OSIRIS

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is conducted for the benefit of our readers as far as time and space permit, but neither publishers nor editors assume responsibility for accuracy of answers. To receive definite answers to your problems you must send the minute (if possible), hour, date, city and state of your birth. Inquiries without this information, or of no material benefit shall be treated as anonymous. Address Astrologist, The Occult Digest, 1904 N. Clark Street, Chicago, U. S. A.

H.V.P.Fla.—Will the lady whose birthdate I am sending and myself harmonize in marriage?

A—Your birthdate is within the second decan of Gemini, while hers comes within the first decan of Sagittarius, and this I assure you is a very harmonious combination. You may proceed with full confidence. Good luck to you.

Mrs.T.L.K.Tex.—Is there any change for me soon and can I develop my psychic powers?

A—For the present there is no great change for you. Late next year an important change. The planets have endowed you with pronounced psychic powers that you could quickly develop.

A.G.J.Canada—Am I best suited for a cartoonist or salesman?

A—You would be much more successful as a salesman, however, you are inclined to scatter your forces and give up too easily. For these professions you will need greater self-ambitions than in rail-roading.

N.P.O.Ill.—Will I make a success in art?

A—You would be successful in artistry or music. Your planets are well-aspected to give you plenty of governing influences along these lines. Proceed.

C.C.Calif.—Would I make a success in astrology and could I get a diploma?

A—The sample chart you submit is correct but incomplete. You have mastered the general principles of astrology, but you need much more study, and a deeper insight into human nature as YOU see it before you. The rudiments of astrology can be mastered, but translating them correctly when casting a horoscope greatly depends upon the astrologer's knowledge of psychology and appliance of aspects upon individual materialistic and spiritualistic phenomena. An astrologer must be more than a mere store-house of knowledge of the positions of the planets. He must be a critic, a good judge, a careful observer, in fact, one who has studied every phase of human and earthly existence, from personal contact rather than from reading someone else's interpretation of translating the aspects.

E.I.L.Canada—Will I be successful as theater violinist, if not what should I take up? Will I be out of work this winter?

A—You will be successful as a violinist as you possess a marked degree of talent. Occultism and art are also in your line. You will do some changing about this winter, but will not be permanently settled until late Spring.

Are You the Potassium Type

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The Potassium or Muscular Type have always given the world its leading athletes today as of old. The Greeks were great athletes, because, as a nation, they were muscular or Myogenic in constitution. They led the world in athletics as in sculpture for they loved the perfection of their bodies. This type possesses the most beautifully proportioned bodies of all types.

This is a naturally healthy type. If they are sick it is food disease or exercise disease. They are meant to be healthy and in this sense are the most fortunate people in the world. Nature has been most kind to them for they are the most balanced and normal of all human types of people. The Myogenic Type is not supposed to be sick and if he is sick it is his own fault.

The athlete might be called an exercise-drunkard. He exercises and strains his endurance a great deal and this builds heavy tissue everywhere in the body. The great muscles that the athlete displays are not as healthy as may be supposed. His muscle development is abnormal. The more he exercises the thicker becomes the heart walls and at last the heart orifices are so small that the heart cannot take care of the blood. The heart fills up and he dies of heart disease. Sandow died from an overgrowth of healthy tissue on the inside of the heart.

The Potassium or Myogenic Type are also in danger of overlifting and overwork of a physical or of a mental nature, which will injure the heart or the kidneys—the latter by throwing too much work on the function of elimination.

At the same time, their tendency is to eat too much, manufacturing too much blood for the veins and arteries. They should never eat blood-heating foods.

To keep well, they must avoid competitive athletics, though they must live an

active life, and eat less foods. They should listen to the vegetarian cranks and even to the raw food advocate, avoid meats and live on vegetables and dry, salty foods. They must omit drinking of strong drinks and all tonics.

The Potassium Type should live on foods that contain the two elements of potassium and manganese. Walnuts, almonds and coconuts contain manganese. They should supply green salads, fresh berries and fruit, vegetable protein and vegetable starch in their daily diet and must omit dairy products, animal protein and fish protein. The Potassium is the only protein people we have and they should live on vegetable protein mainly.

Functions of Potassium in the Body.

The functions of potassium in the human body are tissue oxidation, blood alkalinity, heat generation and heat equalization, power of resistance, healing or recuperative power, muscular energy, equilibration and coordination; and skin functioning. All of the vegetative processes are more complete. Motor nerves are strong. It quiets nerve pain sensations. It has to do with metabolism of sugars and starches. It keeps the drainage of the body complete—it is the drainage officer and inspector in the body. It promotes sleep and reduces acidity by neutralization. It prevents ulceration. Potassium and magnesium are nature's laxatives in food form.

It is easy to tell this type how to remedy his ailments when we know the causes. His ailments are characteristic of him. This is true of every Type. A scientific understanding of the different chemical types offers constructive remedy of constitutional deficiencies, while hazard guesswork through dietary regulation may prove destructive in certain cases.

Psychoanalysis and Child Training

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mother displayed a particular insistence that the child should partake of the food that met her fancy. And it was just this insistence that communicated a feeling to the child that produced a contrary result.

The mother "talked herself hoarse" with the result that the child became ever more stubborn. It was just this stream of "talk" that irritated the child and made him feel that someone was trying to "put something over on him." He was just as insistent in maintaining his position as his mother was insistent that he must do as he was told.

The first step in the solution of this problem was to induce the mother to stop talking while she fed her child. This the mother found difficult because the habit of nagging was pretty well established. But when it was pointed out to

her that she was antagonizing the little one, she saw the point and agreed to try the experiment.

For several days she worked without apparent result. The child looked up at her, expecting the stream of talk that always accompanied the feeding ceremonial. It was not forthcoming. The mother was instructed to offer food to the child as a matter of course. If it was refused there was to be no urging. She accepted the attitude of the child in the same sense that she would desist from forcing an older person to eat.

The miracle finally took place. The child began to eat food of all kinds without prejudice. It was no longer being irritated into rebellion so the motive of spite was removed. The mother was co-operating with the child instead of battling with him. And therein lies a great lesson if we consider carefully.

My Stars and What They Tell Me

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These people possess wonderful psychic power, which if developed, would enable them to become successful in occult fields. Their most fortunate lines run along educational pursuits, writing, acting, occultism, executive positions and commercial businesses.

Most harmonious associates will be found among those born in Cancer, Pisces or Scorpio.

Saturn is the ruling planet, the favorite gem is the chalcidony, and the astral colors are garnet, maroon, silver and brown.

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HPS, Ill.—Will the real estate business pay me better than the line I am now engaged in?

A—The real estate business is a side issue only.

RHL, Pa.—Will I ever make a success in a business, and what kind of a business is best for me? Will I always work in the mills? Will I ever become wealthy and what course should I follow to become successful?

A—While you are working, take a course in salesmanship. Read books on the business success of others. You can be a success as an estimator in the line of business you are now in. You have technique and should be able to specialize in anything that appeals to you.

EHF, Ind.—Will I ever marry, and if so, when?

A—Your marriage day is very indefinite, as it is not visible in your aura at the present time.

LAB, Calif.—Am I to meet a missing uncle whom I am now trying to locate? Is there any way you can give me a definite clue?

A—Indications are not favorable. No clue.

EW, Fla.—Why am I unsuccessful, will I make a financial success or marry again?

A—Because as a young man you were self-satisfied to plod—recognizing opportunities, letting them slip by "until tomorrow." Thru life you waited, always just too late for want of ambition to "push ahead." Begin now. Catch up. You will surprise yourself. Stop your pessimistic harping on failure. Think, visualize, talk success. Build up a reserve-force of determination to succeed—and you will succeed—then, marry again and you will be happy. Real estate and insurance business, in right localities, are good, but you must be a hustler to succeed.

M.R. Ja.—Have I talent for dancing and is there much difference between the stars for Mch. 3rd and Mch. 6th?

A—I fear your talent for dancing is very limited. You would not become a successful dancing teacher or public demonstrator of same. Your talents run into commercialism and business methods. There is a vast difference between the positions of the planets between the dates you mention. The heavenly planets are changing positions every minute and hour in the day, and constantly forming new combinations of influences, hence quite a change in 3 days' time.

IRG, Sask.—Can you see any change for the better, how soon and what form?

A—You should not be in your present work, should have learned a profession.

Had you done so you would have been a success by now. With your ability you can be a success in scientific fields. Earn your money in a field of research. You fell into your present position and never made an effort getting out. An inherent fear keeps you in a one-track class. Discard this fear and make a goal.

JJH, Ill.—What am I best adapted for. Any change for me soon?

A—As a good disciplinarian you should be at head of any institution where many girls are in training. No change unless you make it. Take the reins in hand.

AB, Calif.—Will we dispose of our Harbor lot?

A—You will swing the deal.

MK, Wis.—What is cause nose trouble and will it be better?

A—Caused by broken tissues, it may be arrested by proper diet and exercise. Do not use salves.

HCD, Conn.—How soon will change of environment take place?

A—Be determined make your own environment and you will be happy and successful. Mother will marry again.

WJS, PHTH.—Will marriage to girl I am corresponding with be successful?

A—Marriage at this time will not be successful for you.

RH, Wash.—When will my husband sell all or part of his ranch?

A—Will not sell. Ranch will become valuable property in near future.

WEK, Pa.—Can I succeed as a psychiatrist. Will I make a change or marry girl I now keep company?

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Saving The Brains of America

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The fact that he had been bombarding me with telegrams for three days previous to his arrival, had given me his number. He demanded speed, "business efficiency," and strenuous, selfish attention. As none of these, according to his definitions, are compatible with nervous stability and mental hygiene, he left to follow the usual round of nerve specialists, as the neurotic patient usually does, in a search for magic methods. They want a system which agrees with their own method of thinking. Any such system only increases the neuroses.

My files will produce letter after letter from cases of prominent men and women, or their relatives, who have waited too long before seeking a cure for neurasthenia, neurosis, dementia precox, paranoia and other diseases. Most of them are victims of *wrong thinking*, and the mental habits have been established over many years.

To establish new habits of thought takes time and patience. A psychoanalysis may take more than a year. The synthetic work may take twice as long. There is no short cut in serious cases. The psychologist runs a chance of losing his own reason, if he is not careful to follow certain habits of mental hygiene. Many of them, already, have passed out with mental and nervous disease, due to carelessness.

A few big business firms have undertaken the prevention of insanity and nervousness among the members of their organization. Compulsory recreation is followed by such firms as American Raditor, J. P. Morgan & Co., the Guaranty Trust Co., Standard Oil of New Jersey, United States Steel Corporation, and others.

Some firms insist on regular vacations, whether the employee wants to take one or not. Other business houses are not so wise. Many college professors and school teachers spend their vacations taking post-graduate or special work at other schools. And then they wonder why they break down early in life.

While some vacations serve a valuable purpose, others do not supply the necessary mental hygiene. Variety of interests, an optimistic philosophy of life, and cheerful companionship are necessary factors which have been ignored by many great leaders in America. And they are paying the price.

Haley Fisk, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has done some valuable work in paid advertisements in leading magazines, calling attention to the work being done by the National Committee of Mental Hygiene, with headquarters in New York City. But it is not enough.

One thousand times the same amount of publicity by other institutions could not prevent such an epidemic as is said to threaten us. And if there is any correlation between the public and the war veterans, as statistics should show, then the epidemic may be at its peak in January of 1929.

The writer is not a pessimist or an alarmist. Perhaps the epidemic will not strike America, as have previous plagues. Perhaps the shining lights of American civilization and industry may be immune from nervous disease and insanity. Perhaps there is no need for mental hygiene.

On the other hand, the epidemic may have already arrived. Who knows?

Hypnotism and the Law

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"They may if the suggestion were adroitly made." Moll believes the committing of imaginary crimes by the subject has no effect whatever upon the moral character as some trace of consciousness always remains to tell the subject he is playing a sham.

Yet, with all the seeming consciousness of the suggested crime and the moral resistance that subjects will exercise, after repeated hypnotization, we must admit that a crime may be committed by suggestions from the operator as Enlenburg, Dalley, and Forsel insist. Tibienthal does not agree with Desjardines that the subject who committed the crime should have foreseen the possibility of such suggestion and therefore prevented the sleep, as he says the crime would be committed in unconsciousness and without intention. But if the subject were hypnotized that he may commit a crime more skillfully, he would then be subject to punishment by law.

Within the last few years the defense of hypnotic suggestion has made its appearance in pleadings with the view of showing no intent and no responsibility on the part of the accused. Probably the first case where hypnotic suggestion was set up as a defense was in the Gouffe murder trial in Paris in 1891. The two questions were, did the woman, Marie Bompard, commit the murder while under the influence of hypnotic suggestion? And, if the commission of a crime is suggested to a person while in the hypnotic state is the will so affected that the person having committed the crime is irresponsible?

This case was reheard in Paris a few years ago, and Madame Bompard given opportunity to be replaced in the hypnotic state. M. Charcot, who was acquainted with the first trial, was the operator of Madame Bompard. After placing the accused in a complete hypnotic state M. Charcot asked her to tell how the murder happened. With actions as perfect, as a reality she acted out her part telling exactly what she said and answering questions what her man attendant and the victim said. When taken from the state she could tell nothing any more than she had been hypnotized.

Charcot, the greatest hypnotist of his day, was consulted and he said, "The will was not sufficiently strong to frustrate malevolent counsels." There was evidence showing she had been hypnotized often and thrown into the somnambulistic state, a profound sleep. But this evidence was not allowed to go to the jury as the judge held it irrelevant. The case has since been retried and Madame Bompard released from prison and living now in France after being thrown into the hypnotic state and relating the facts showing the question of intent.

There is another case reported in the volume 105, Cal. Reports, Page 172, where the defendant was charged with murder. The defense was that the woman was insane and had been hypnotized. The court ruled out the evidence of the effect of hypnotism upon persons subject to such influence as there was no evidence tending to show that the defendant was a subject of hypnotic in-

fluence aside from the fact that she was told to kill the deceased by her husband.

Hypnosis in Civil Law.

Hypnosis in Civil Law was not seriously considered at first, but, when it was found that a man might be induced to make a will, or sign a contract or give his note to a person while under the influence of suggestion, Bentivegini considered the matter and has written a detailed work about it. He distinguishes between responsibility in business and liability for damages. In regard to responsibility in business he thinks a mere state of suggestibility is enough to exclude it, since the power to act with reason and reflection is wanting. And as to liability for damages he finds that according to the common law the agent is not responsible for illegal acts when not in possession of his reason and is unable to control his actions. So, in either case, when the subject has not his reason in his control he is not responsible. But, if he causes himself to be hypnotized that he may not be responsible for his misdeeds he must then suffer the necessary consequences of his acts.

Use of Hypnotism in Trials with Witnesses.

Can hypnotism be in any way made useful to justice? Tibienthal says, "It can under some conditions, and for some purpose. But, it appears to me that if it is a method for producing the evidence and furthering justice it should be used when possible. It certainly might be used to decide whether a person were hypnotizable or not, and it might be used to obtain a statement which the accused or the witness cannot give in the awakened state. For in later hypnosis all that has occurred in earlier states is recalled. And by re-hypnotizing the subject the case might be cleared up."

Tibienthal holds that statements made as Madame Bompard did while in the hypnotic state are not admissible as they were not made according to or contrary to the subject's will. Moll does not say whether admissible or not. But as witnesses are often forced to tell of things which they would like to conceal. Tibienthal's position cannot hold good. The court searches for the facts and does not matter about a person's wishes as to what facts he wishes to give.

Anyway, in Minnesota, says the Supreme Court, the accused murderer is to be put into an hypnotic state and by suggestion is to tell of the crime. The story is to be taken down in shorthand and if it coincides with his story while awake it will be taken as true, i. e., that he committed the crime under the influence of hypnotic suggestion. Generally, subjects cannot remember, upon waking, or relate anything that had happened during the hypnotic state. H. Meriman Steele does not think the second story will prove the waking story true if it does coincide, because the subject is entirely under the power of the operator and the story depends upon him,—how he will suggest it. I think the murder may be suggested and the subject will relate the entire story of the incident without any further suggestions from the operator.

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PALMISTRY AND YOUR HEALTH

Ills Betrayed by the Hands

MERELY by examining a person's hands, a young man working in a London hospital can often probe health secrets that baffle doctors. He is Mr. Noel Jaquin, a dark, clean-shaven palmist who has "read" the hands of Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir John Lavery, Miss Sybil Thorndike, and many other celebrities. His book, a recognized work on the subject, has just been published under the title, "Scientific Palmistry."

"The first hand I 'read' brought me into sad disgrace," Mr. Jaquin said recently. "I told a dear old lady that her husband was inclined to drink too much and that she was worried about her children." Mr. Jaquin discovered later that the woman was a spinster and a prohibitionist!

"In spite of early failures," he continued, "I was introduced to a famous medical man at a London hospital, shown the hands of three or four patients, and asked from what they were suffering. They were heart cases and easy to read."

What Half-Moons Mean

Good health is shown by firm, smooth hands, with the lines clearly marked. Many small hair-like lines indicate extreme sensitiveness and irritability; and when the lines are very red and the skin dry there is a tendency to fever. White or pale lines on the hand generally indicate anaemia.

Do you suffer from rheumatism? If so, you probably have a soft silky skin. Small half-moons on the hand are said to denote a bad circulation.

Enclosing the thumb is the life line, and if you can find a small island on this line under the middle finger, it is supposed to be an unfailing pointer to spinal disease. The middle line of the "M" on the palm of the hand is known as the head line, and when this is broken or forms an island, brain fever is likely. If a slight fraying of the line is noticeable the person is probably overworking his brain. Small lines crossing the head line indicate a tendency to nervous headaches and neuralgia.

The line that runs roughly from the base of the forefinger to below the little finger is called the heart line. Fine lines crossing this line under the middle finger prophesy rheumatic fever, and if it is "feathered" below the first and second fingers a tendency to consumption is shown.

A young woman was astonished recently when Mr. Jaquin told her that her father died of consumption. There were no marks of the disease on her right hand, but they were visible on the left, which shows hereditary traits.

Heart disease and sudden seizures are indicated by large black dots and islands on the heart line. Mr. Jaquin cites the case of a woman whose hand-prints he happened to examine. He diagnosed chronic heart trouble, and suggested medical attention. She disregarded his advice and died within three months. But a post-mortem examination confirmed the palmist's deductions.

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Instructions to obtain a good impression of the lines in the palm.

Procure a rubber kodak roller, three inch size, and a good grade of printer's ink. Ink the roller, then roll it several times on an extra sheet of paper to insure a smooth spread. When this is done pass the roller over the entire palm, when well covered, place the palm with a firm pressure upon a sheet of writing paper. With a little practice the result will be clear, and well traced lines. Afterwards cleanse the hands with gasoline, and all traces of the ink will be removed.

Two questions will be permitted.

Address Palmistry Column,
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PALMISTRY

By Constance Allen

PALMISTRY is intensely fascinating. In delineating character it cannot be surpassed. When we consider that there is no member of the human body more subject to the brain, and will, than the hand; that it is literally the executive vehicle of man's desires, motives, and acts; that there is a mysterious magnetic energy that automatically registers tracings upon the palm so legibly that it reveals the character of the individual, it makes of the hand almost an intelligence in itself.

This operative activity which is described as a "Magnetic Fluid," is stimulated into action by whatever emotion that gives it its impetus. Scientists agree that this magnetic energy is a vital force closely allied to the life principle, and is similar to electricity, in that the effects are better understood than the cause. It is a proven fact there is some impressing energy that unites with the impulses, thoughts, and acts, and imprints the effect upon the palm, forming channels, or "lines," corresponding to the nature of the emotion.

This invisible recorder, this emotional wireless transforms the hand, by this means, into a literal life chart, so whether conscious of the fact, or not, this life marker is registering our thoughts, and acts, and from this the student can deduct not only the nature of the person, but the events, past and future.

As an illustration of this revealing principle my first experience with Palmistry developed my conviction that the hand contains the story of the person's life, and this conviction has steadily increased in the twenty-five years I have devoted to the study. This first experience was upon the occasion of my father opening a case of school books he had purchased, and among them was a treatise on Palmistry.

As his subject matter related entirely to scholastic subjects this book was distinctly an alien. How it came to be there will forever remain an unsolved mystery, for such a book would never have been ordered by my worthy parent. I shall never forget the vivid unlawful interest I felt as I turned the pages. Remember, the influence of hereditary thought, and training are naturally powerful, and twenty-five years ago this line of thought was classed with witchcraft, heresy, and other undesirable things to be avoided. Yet, today what a difference! It is a recognized factor among many scientists, particularly physicians, alienists, and even the legal profession.

On this particular day that the book came into my possession, we had with us, that afternoon a Presbyterian "divine," a white haired, saintly character who had served many years in preaching the gospel. In glancing through the book I was attracted by the description of the hand of a thief. To my amazement the palm of this "venerable" man exhibited similar indications. Without realizing there might be reliable foundation to my statement, I exclaimed, considering it a joke, "Dr. H—, you are a thief, the book says so."

An embarrassing silence followed. Finally, the minister with pathetic humility explained there was a natural tendency to take what did not belong to him, but to use his own words, "By the grace of God, he had conquered it."

From this memorable instance my interest has never flagged, and I am convinced from experience that Palmistry is a reliable science, and when there appears to be apparent failure, the fault lies with the interpreter, not with the science.

EDITOR'S NOTE: PALMISTRY (from "palmist," one who studies the palm, and the Teutonic affix *ry*, signifying "art"; also called **CHIROMANCY**, from *xelp* (Greek), the hand, and *mancia* (Greek), divination. In the category of the occult one of the oldest forms of character-delineation is represented by palmistry, whereby various irregularities and flexion-folds of the skin of the hand are interpreted as being a reflex-registration of physical, mental and psychic powers, as well as indicative of the current of events in the individual's life. While the practice of palmistry is lost in the antiquity of time, it was known to have existed in China 2000 years before Christ. In the most ancient writings of Greek literature it is treated as a well-known belief.

Thomas Blackwell has collected some Homeric references; a work by Me'ampus of Alexandria is extant in several versions. Ptolemy, Aristotle and Adamantius dealt with the subject; medical writers of Greece and Rome—Hippocrates, Galen and Paulus Aegineta, and in later times, Arabian commentators on these authors. Records from patristic writings offer abundant proof that the belief in the mystical meaning of marks on the "organ of organs" composed an important part of the popular philosophy of their times.

After the invention of printing a voluminous literature on palmistry was produced during the 16th and 17th centuries. Praetorius, in his *Ludicrum chiromantleum* (Jena, 1661) has collected the titles of 77. Other works are quoted by Fulleborn and Horst (and by writers on the history of

philosophy and magic), altogether about 98 books on the subject published before 1700 are at present accessible. There is very much variety among these treatises, one of the earliest is the block-book of Hartlieb, *Die Kunst Chiromantia*, published at Augsburg about 1470 (it bears no imprint of place nor date) but portrays colossal figures of hands, each of which has its regions marked out by inscriptions.

The best are those by Pompeius, Robert Fludd, John de Indagine, Talsnerus, Baptista dalla Porta, S. Cardan, Goclenius, Cocles, Frolich, Summer, Rothmann, Ingebert, Pomponius Gauricus, and Tricassus Mantuanus. Among the early Hebrew works, one by Gedaliah is extant. Indian literature is copious on the subject. Some of these authors attempt to separate the physiognomical part of the subject (*Chiromania*) from the astrological (*Chiromantia*); especially Caspar Schott in *Magie naturalis universalis*, Bamberg, 1677. Since the middle of the 19th century, in spite of the enactment of laws in Britain and other Christian countries against the practice, there has been a noteworthy revival of belief in palmistry, and a newer literature has grown up differing little, generally speaking, from the older. The more important books of the 19th century of this series are K. G. Carus, *Über Grund u. Bedeutung der verschiedenen Formen der Hand*, 1846; Landsberg, *Die Handteller* (Posen, 1861); Adolf Desbarrolles, *Les Mysteres de la main* (1859); C. S. D'Arpentigny, *Chiromanie, la science de la main* (1865); of which an English version was published by Heron Allen in

1886: G. Z. Gessman, *Katechismus der Handleskunst* (Berlin, 1889); Czysnka, *Die Deutung der Handlinien* (Dresden, 1893); R. Beamish, *The Psychonomy of the Hand* (1865); Frith and Allen, *The Science of Palmistry* (1883); Cotton, *Palmistry and Its Practical Uses* (1890). Some writers appeal to the Scriptures as supporting their systems, especially the texts Exod. xiii. 16; Job xxxvii. 7; and Prov. iii. 16. The 17th and 18th centuries produced considerable literature, pro and con, on the subject.

Today palmistry is practiced in all parts of China, and quite extensively in India, especially by one caste of Brahmans, the Joshi. In Syria and Egypt the palmist plies his trade at the cafes; while among the Arabs chiromantists are consulted on the affairs of life. It is probably from their original Indian home that the traditional dukkerpen (fortune-telling) of the gypsies has been derived.

This system of "delineation" has the charm of simplicity and definiteness, being an application of the "doctrine of signatures" which formed so extensive an element in the occult writings of the past 600 years. In the course of ages every detail has been brought under a formal set of rules. One school lays special stress on the general shape and outline of the hand. Corvæus enumerates 70 varieties. Pamphilus cuts them down to 6. John de Indagine to 27, and Tricassus Mantuanus raises them to 80. The characters of softness or hardness, dryness or moisture, etc., are taken account of in these classifications. The lines of cardinal importance are (1) the rasceta or cross sulci, which isolate the hand from the forearm at the wrist, and which are the flexion folds between the looser forearm skin and that tied down to the fascia above the level of the anterior annular ligament. (2) The line which isolates the ball of the thumb, where the skin ceases to be tied to the front of the palmar fascia, is called the line of life. (3) A line starting above the head of the second metacarpal bone and crossing the hand to the middle of its ulnar border is the line of the head. (4) The transverse line below this which passes from the ulnar border a little above the level of the head of the fifth metacarpal and ends somewhere about the root of the index finger is the line of the heart. (5) The vertical line descending from the middle of the wrist to end about the base of the middle finger is the line of fortune. (6) The oblique line which begins at the wrist end of the line of life and descends towards the ulnar end of the line of the head is the line of the liver.

These lines isolate certain swellings or monticuli, the largest of which is (1) The ball of the thumb, called the mount of Venus; (2) that at the base of the index finger is the mount of Jupiter; (3) at the root of the middle finger is the mount of Saturn, while those at the bases of ring and little finger are respectively the mounts of the (4) Sun and (5) of Mercury.

Above the mount of Mercury, and between the lines of head and heart is (6) the mount of Mars, and above the line of the heart is (7) the mount of the Moon. The relative sizes of these mountains have assigned to them their definite correlations with characters; the 1st with charity, love, libertinage; the 2nd with religion, ambition, love of honor, pride; the 3rd with wisdom, good fortune, prudence, or when deficient, ignorance, failure; the 4th when large makes for success, celebrity, intelligence, audacity, when small, meanness or love of obscurity; the 5th indicates love of knowledge, industry, aptitude for commerce, and in its extreme forms on the one hand love of gain and dishonesty, on the other, slackness and laziness. The 6th is related to degrees of courage, resolution, rashness or timidity; the 7th indicates sensitiveness, morality, good conduct, or immorality, overbearing temper and self-will.

The swellings on the palmar faces of the phalanges of the several fingers are also indicative, the 1st and 2nd of the thumb respectively, of the logical faculty and of the will; the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the index finger, of materialism, law and order, idealism; those of the middle finger, humanity, system, intelligence; of the ring finger, truth, economy, energy; and of the little finger, goodness, reflectiveness.

Over and above these are other marks, crosses, triangles, etc., of which more than a hundred have been described, charted and interpreted by different authors; also the ridges on the back of the hand. The Chinese combine podoscopy with chiromancy.

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hill was graven without hands. And this my Son shall rebuke the nations which by their wicked devices have fallen into the tempest, and shall expose their evil machinations and torment them as by a flame and destroy them without effort by the Law which is like unto fire. And whereas thou sawest that He gathered another peaceable multitude unto Him; these are the ten tribes which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Hosea the king, whom Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, led away captive, and carried them over the waters so that they came into another land, where they took counsel together to leave the company of the heathen and go into a far country where none dwelt, that they might keep their statutes, which same is Arsareth." . . . "For Esau is the end of the world, and Jacob is the beginning of that which followeth, and the hand of man is betwixt the heel of Esau and the hand of Jacob.

"The heel of Esau is the extremity of the system of oppression and spoliation which characterises the latter days of these our times. The hand of Jacob is the beginning of the new Age under the new Law. Between these two there is a twilight period that is given over to the hand of man wherein to bring about his own destruction. The Age of Esau comes to an end in March 1928. The Age of Jacob begins in the year 1932. Between these years the Armageddon of the nations has place. Chaos and disorder by the hand of mankind will reign supreme. "And then shall the end come."

"Most clearly do we see then that the indications derived from the planetary configurations and the signs of the sun and moon point to the impending time of terror which shall come upon the earth after the lightning flash has rent the skies and carried away the ripe fruit that is shaken from the trees. And chief among the signs that are impending at this time of tribulation is the eclipse which happens on the eve of Christmas in the first degree of the sign Capricorn, which by the succession of cycles comes to conjunction with the planet Mars on the meridian of the horoscope of the world, and it is no insignificant fact that this position of Mars is also the degree of the Zodiac that held the Midheaven in the horoscope of H. M. King George V.

"The positions of the planets during this period, taken in relation to the G. E. positions of the Midheaven and Ascendant of various places, point the fact that both the extreme East and the extreme West are as fully involved as the middle ground of their action. The ends of Leo and Aquarius coincide with the meridian position of Neptune, which in 1926 is affected by the oppositions of Jupiter and Mars, and again by Mars in 1927 and 1928. Hence there will be devastating earthquakes in South America, in the Pacific Archipelago and Japan. Australia may not be exempt from this wave of seismic activity, which certainly will be the most extensive that the world has known during the present cycle of its existence. It is described in the prophecies as "a great earthquake, such as never was since the world began, so mighty and so great. In the spring and early summer of 1926 Mars and Jupiter are conjoined in opposition to Neptune and in quadrature to Saturn, all the planets

occupying what are known as "Foundation" signs. It is not to be presumed that the earth will remain unaffected by this unprecedented strain.

"Uranus, during the same period of stress and strife, is in the end of Pisces affecting Ireland, Spain, Portugal and New Zealand. Its conjunction with Mars in June, 1926, is the chief indication and marks the maximum influence of this disruptive planet. In 1927 it will disrupt the central government of the Empire.

"Saturn, in the last decan of Scorpio, affects Persia and the Caspian, and also the Western coast of North America, including Vancouver and the sporadic isles to the west of Canada. Its quadrature to Neptune, Mars and Jupiter, in 1926, will effect widespread devastations of a seismic character, accompanied by great inundations. In March, 1927, it forms its opposition to Mars, being then in the first decan of Sagittarius. The sinister influence is then moving to the frontiers of India on the north-west, and also involving the safety of California. During December, 1927, it forms its conjunction with Mars, and its action is then centralised over the west parts of India and over Mexico. Mars repeats its activities in the same regions by forming an opposition to Saturn in August, 1928. In January, 1929, Saturn reaches the twenty-fourth degree of Sagittarius where it again joins Mars, when it affects East India and Central America, and the conjunction is more or less in force until the middle of March, and until its change of sign in 1930 it will continue to affect the condition of affairs in India and America. What that condition will be seems beyond the power of my science to estimate, but Saturn has the reputation of devouring its own children, and there is no denying that both the Mexican and Indian civilisations, ancient as they are from an ethnological point of view, are now destined to final disintegration, for they were born of Saturn.

"I may now bring this section to a close, having, as I think, clearly demonstrated the fact that the symbolism of the heavens has some definite relations to the affairs of human terrestrial experience. It does not seem to be entirely without motive, although perchance unconsciously so from a human point of view, that the signs of the Zodiac were made to begin at the Equinox and that the equinox is related to the zero of longitude which we call the meridian of Greenwich. These distinctions may appear arbitrary, but so, to a large extent, are all man-made devices, and when man thinks to take control of the course of events, it is just at that point of time that the finger of God appears most conspicuous. There are many unexplained laws in nature which leave us latitude enough to introduce new ideas and observations without doing violence to human reason. Nobody has yet explained why one planet has but one satellite and others a whole galaxy, nor yet why Saturn revolves on its axis once in ten hours and a quarter, and the earth once in twenty-four hours, and the moon once in a month. Science is replete with unexplained facts. If we add one more to the category by insisting upon the fact that many coincidences make a law, we have only to multiply those instances in order to

establish the recognition of that law. Without therefore going further into the mass of observations which we have been enabled to make in regard to the Geodetic Equivalents of celestial positions, we may confidently look to the reader to admit the veridical value of those observations in the course of time, when events here predicted shall have taken place in harmony with the changes occurring in the heavens. More than this we do not seek to prove, that there is a connectedness between celestial phenomena and mundane happenings, and that cosmic symbolism is the key to the understanding of that astro-mundane relationship. In my sincere belief the time is quite near when many who have scoffed at the idea of planetary influence in human life will turn to it for light and guidance, only because all other means have failed and science is dumbfounded by the sudden development of forces over which it has no control and cannot pretend to understand. Then it will be recognized that from the beginning the function of the celestial bodies was not to give light upon the earth merely, but to "be for signs as well as for seasons," the greater light "for the rule of the day," and the lesser light "for the rule of the night—with the stars."

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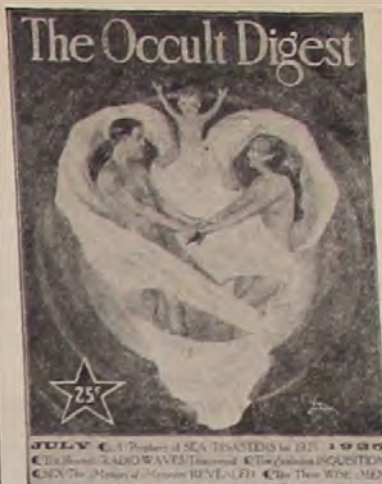
The Alchemy of Colour

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or ether, its prana as Udana, "up-going life-wind," and its power as *Para shakti*, "the supreme power." This chakra acts through the pharyngeal plexus on the thyroid and parathyroid glands.

The cavernous plexus corresponds to *Ajna chakra* between the eyebrows. This is described as having ninety-six petals, divided in two halves of forty-eight petals each. One-half is *rosy red* with *yellow* around; in the other half, *purple blue* is predominant. Through this chakra we begin to see clairvoyantly. As its power is given *Mantrika shakti*, the occult "power of speech." This chakra acts through the cavernous plexus on the pituitary body.

The cervical plexus in the head corresponds to *Sahasrara chakra* at the top of the head. This appears like a grand flower of nine hundred and sixty petals, *dazzlingly white*, and *golden* in the middle. When this chakra is fully awakened, we can leave the body fully conscious and return with the memory of what we have experienced. *Dai-ri-prakriti*, "divine essence," is given as its shakti or power. This chakra acts through the different parts of the cervical plexus on the conarium or pineal gland, called "the third eye" by the occultists and "the eye of Shiva" by the Hindus.



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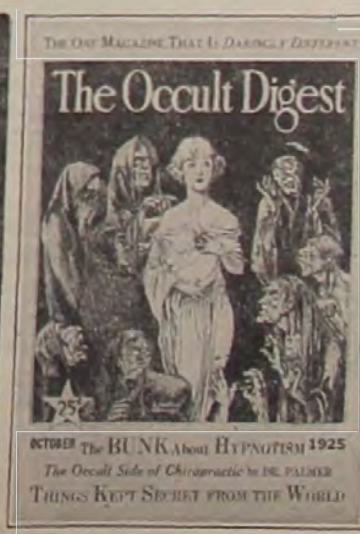
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MARIA AUGUSTA WEBBER [Minnesota]

Q.—Does the sign and star I was born under have absolute control of my life; can my human brain and will conclude my affairs differently?

A.—You have a natural tendency to permit your mind to wander from the subject in contemplation, and a general habit of not sticking to things, even pleasures or hobbies. Find a definite method of cultivating the spiritual and pursue it. Yes, your mind can dominate the stars.

FLOYD R. ANDERSON [Illinois]

Q.—What vocation should I choose as my life work?

A.—Why don't you go in for either literature, or the psychic and occult sciences? You have natural aptitude for either, and despite the apparent condition there is not only room in both, but a serious need for both. There is also every reason to believe you would succeed in the practice of medicine. I suggest the occult sciences, at your age.

ELIZABETH TITLE [Missouri]

Q.—Will I recover my hearing?

A.—With deep regret I am compelled to say that there does not appear to me to be any likelihood that there will be a natural return of this faculty. If you have consulted capable oracles without result, spend no more money with them. If not, do so at once. Astrologically there is nothing to show improvement.

TEROUMAH LE MONE [California]

Q.—Will I be successful financially or spiritually?

A.—It would appear to me from your horoscope that you should be moderately successful financially through exploitation of your psychic abilities. By this, I mean in the lecture field. The dream you cite is interesting, especially as the new star you mention is purely symbolical. Yes, earth changes are promised, see Sepharial's article in this issue. Do not look for great material wealth. Spiritual treasures are yours.

FREDERICK E. GREEN [Mass.]

Q.—Can a man overcome a constant succession of apparently evil planetary aspects? (This question is condensed.)

A.—Yes. Otherwise astrology would have no value, less interest and more terror. Watch the approach of the aspects in your progressed chart; will earnestly to avoid them. Then ACT to avoid them, and the world will seem brighter to you. You have not realized this sufficiently, and you have had just enough astrology to make it a terrible burden on your mind not having the background of philosophical interpretation. You have my sympathy for what you have been through, but see to it that you rule the stars hereafter. Forewarned is forearmed.

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(NOTE: The above are five of the twenty questions selected from which Miss McLean's question was picked. When her horoscope had been more than half completed after its selection, a query came in from E. M. B. (Glastenbury, Conn.), reading, "When and How Can I be of Greatest service to Humanity?" This question will be given prominence in a subsequent issue, and we regret E. M. B.'s late arrival.)

How Can Astrology Help Me?

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transit of the fortunate Jupiter over the place of the Sun, mid heaven, and Ascendant of the radical chart.

A fortunate period is now on and will last through the next six years, reaching its high water mark in the year beginning December second, 1926. The year 1927 should prove to be one of the most fortunate and successful of the entire life as Jupiter then enters its own sign of Pisces, here posited upon the mid heaven of the nativity.

Twelve years later Jupiter comes to the same position, but Saturn at the same time will be making a transit over the mid heaven which will greatly detract from the Jupiter influence.

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The Stars of January

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fable of Phaeton, because he was the attendant of Phoebus at the remote period when Taurus opened the year.

According to Ptolemy the bright stars are like Mars and Mercury. The constellation is said to create self-confidence, interest in social and educational problems, and happiness, but danger of great vicissitudes. The native is fond of country life and may be a teacher or have the upbringing of young people. By the Kabbalists Auriga is associated with the Hebrew letter Samech and the 15th Tarot Trump, "The Devil."

Last in the brilliant panoply of January's stars, is Camelopardalus, the camelopard, which constellation was made by Hevelius out of the unformed stars which lay scattered between Perseus, Auriga, The Head of Ursa Major, and the Pole Star. It is situated directly north of Auriga and the head of the Lynx, and occupies nearly all of the space between these and the pole. It contains 58 small stars, the five largest of which are only of the 4th Mag. The principal star lies in the thigh, and is about 20° from Capella, in a northerly direction.

It marks the northern boundary of the temperate zone, being less than 1° S. of Arctic circle, so it cannot correctly be the distinction was made before prohibition, which ushered in the end of all temperance even so far north as the Arctic circle, and cannot correctly be called temperate any longer. The Camelopard is so called from the animal of that name, peculiar to Ethiopia and the delirium tremens. It resembles both the camel and the leopard. Its body is spotted, like that of the leopard, its neck is about seven feet long, its fore and hind legs are nearly the same length from hoof to second joint, but from the knee to the body the forelegs are so long that no one could sit upon the animal's back without sliding off. You may have recognized the Camelopard by the Giraffe!

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SET INTO TYPES

By Kenneth M. Ellis

I do not recall, offhand, just what was the first occult revision of the New Testament. There have been several, most of which have met obscure birth and still more hidden death. Of course, there have been purely occult *apocrypha*—fresh material of a biblical cast of character, ranging from the Book of Mormon, Oahspe, and others, to the Aquarian Gospel and one or two other interesting records. But of the purely occult or metaphysical "editings" of the Bible, New or Old Testament, I have lost track of those earlier productions, which I seem to recall having perused some years ago.

At any rate, we are in receipt this month of "*The People's New Covenant*," a complete translation of the New Testament, in which the translator has compressed the meanings of the vital phrases to the interpretation most nearly in accord with the metaphysical thought of which he is the exponent. Citing the errors in previous translations, and declaring the translation at hand to be authoritative in and of itself, he has produced a very interesting piece of reading, and added to the already expansive list of biblical *curiosa*. The text naturally loses in majesty of diction, which may after all be no fault, since truthful exegesis is more vital than euphony or rhetorical period.

The chief material of interest to the occultist lies in the copious and commentative foot notes, and in the preface and explanatory index. It is published by the translator, Arthur E. Overbury.

Also we are in receipt of Volumes I and II of *The Old Testament Translations* of Dr. James Moffatt, of the orthodox school, which contain much illuminating matter in the new wordings. These conform more accurately to modern usage with a freedom of expression hitherto not achieved in orthodox translations. It is always a matter of regret to this writer that translations of the Scriptures cannot be made set in modern speech and at the same time made to preserve something of the dialectical elegance of the King James version. This is no sentimental attachment to the K. J., but merely a reflection of my love of the beauties which lie in language, and which many of our modern poets have demonstrated can be achieved even in the current and ephemeral passages of linguistic change. Even slang can be made beautiful, and I am enough of a ritualist to love the "trappings and the trimmings of pomp" in any field where reverence, truth, and beauty are conjoined. George Doran and Company are publishing the Moffatt translation.

Not exactly biblical, but of inestimable value to the Christian researcher, is Dr.

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Inasmuch as this department of *The Occult Digest* is not so much concerned with publication dates of books as it is with the matter that lies between the covers, it is not inappropos to call again to the attention of earnest students, Mr. A. P. Sinnett's "*The Collected Fruits of Occult Teaching*." Mr. Sinnett is one of the very few survivors of the first beginnings of the Theosophical movement (which includes, of course, the Theosophical Society), and speaks with authority on all matters theosophical. The papers which comprise this collection present more or less clearly the *rationale* of that great movement, and contain much helpful material. Written in impeccable English, and in a style clear enough to be comprehended by one unfamiliar with occult teaching in general, J. B. Lippincott Company, have made them into an octavo volume of very practical value to either the general student, or the specialist in theosophical fields. There are faults in the viewpoint, of course, but Mr. Sinnett is not one of those who pretend to know everything, or who pose as examples of absolutely perfect authority. I refer principally to his remarks on the German nation, which I think, upon occult consideration, Mr. Sinnett would regret were included in 1926 in a volume written while the heat of the late conflict caused vibrations in the mentality of most, which have since more or less subsided. The remarks, while to some extent true, are not perennially true, a fact which the philosophy of Theosophy makes clear, and which, of course, Mr. Sinnett would not agree to. The *sparagmos* of Germany has taken place—the *agon* is passed—and reconstruction is evident in many important channels. The externals, after all, are of little account.

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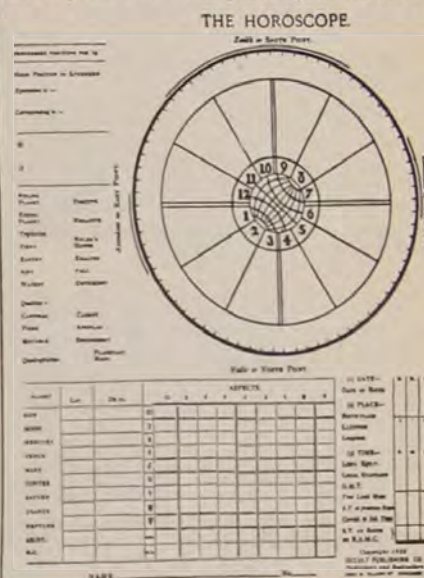
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A—Your birth date indicates that you are born under the law of change, "5." No decided change will affect you during the remainder of this year. 1926 will have many changes for you. In answer to your second question, send me your full name as given at birth.

AF, Ore—Is there any change for me, and what am I best adapted for?

A—You are always more or less uncertain in everything you undertake. Over-sensitiveness is your weakness, and lack of confidence in yourself. 1926 will be a quiet year for you. Do not push things, or try to hurry them. In 1927 you have greater expression. Your choice work should be wood-working, hand-carving, or in the jewelry business.

DCWM, Utah—Shall I succeed in the publication of my course on metaphysics?

A—Giving me the initial "W," instead of your full name, keeps me from giving you full information. From the information given, you should succeed as an author, but financial troubles may keep the article from being published.

Hypnotism and the Law

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Proposals for the Prevention of Illegal Uses.

Many proposals have been made for avoiding the possible dangers to health and morals by hypnotizing. In Holland the hypnotizing of the insane and infants is only entrusted to physicians. And public exhibitions are prohibited in Holland, and also in Cincinnati, by Ordinance. It would be well to avoid all difficulties by enacting laws to that effect, but when we find some people hypnotizing themselves, the law might infringe upon their personal rights. As yet only one state in America, California, has dealt with hypnotism in its Supreme Court. The placing of a person in an hypnotic state for no high motive than the amusement of uncultured persons adverse to the will of the subject will certainly place the operator liable to the law, and when the conditions are discovered, justice will be rendered accordingly.

the matter of folk-lore should be relegated to the volumes of the Bureau of Ethnology. There, in that form, they are too heavy to be handled by anybody who is not a professional iceman or hod-carrier, too large to fit the bookshelves of any modern home and too dryly set forth to interest anybody who is not a most rabidly enthusiastic professional archaeologist. I have longed for the day when the marvelously beautiful, instructive and genuinely occult material of these stories should be presented in attractive form. And this month there comes to us the answer to that maiden prayer. Cora Morris, may her tribe increase, has presented some of the most attractive of these tales, under the title "Stories from North American Mythology," in a form of interest to children, and illustrated them with drawings which reflect the spiritual quality of the Indian sources. They are told interestingly, faithfully, and will be enjoyed by boys and girls old and young. Marshall Jones Company are the publishers.

Ever hear of Galomalism? Neither did we until there came through the mails two volumes by Prof. William Danmar, who propounds a whole new system of occult philosophy, in a most intricate and interesting manner. You may not agree that the "galom" is the norm of cosmic measurement. You may not agree that "ghosts" are of either the texture or temperament which Prof. Danmar's philosophy declares them to be, but nevertheless you will be interested to unravel the mazes of this theory, to play at the game of "galom, galom, who's got the galom?" or its intellectual equivalent. Both "Modern Nirvanaism" and "Ghostology" are recommended as interesting reading.

If you're interested in fiction which has as its chief object the carrying of a philosophical message, "The Torchbearers" will probably meet your requirement. The English is not all that could be desired in the matter of style and rhetoric, although there are no glaring errors of grammar. This fault, however, is no more than could be expected when one considers that it is written for Occidentals in an unfamiliar or at least an alien tongue by Kamala Krishna, and perhaps the defects of the book in the matter of rhetoric are compensated for in the fact that it is remarkable that an Easterner should be able to express his ideas so well in English. The story is forced, and made to fit the needs of philosophical exposition—but it is filled with valuable illustrations of the application of Eastern Yoga and theosophy to the needs of modern life. It is most sincere, and the criticism is not intended as in any sense derogatory of its philosophical excellence. It is published by the Solar Logos Publishing Company.

GEIST-ERKENNTNIS (Spirit Cognition), By Prof. William Danmar, Oswald Mutse, Leipzig.

This book comes like the draught of cool, invigorating air from the mountain top as it displaces the heated and stagnant atmosphere on the lower plain, surcharged, as it is, with foolish prejudice and deceiving superstition concerning this most important of life questions.

The Author, taking logic, truth and fearless independence as his motto, mercilessly reduces to their proper proportion and place both the cold, selfish, unimaginative Materialism of the past century and the equally selfish and highly hypocritical sentimentality of Supernatural Religion bequeathed to us thru the ages.

Gifted with a mathematically-trained mind added to a life-long experience of mediumistic manifestation and citing scientifically accepted laws of chemistry and physics, he proves the absolute necessity of his syllogistic conclusion that, just as the physical body is material, so is also the spirit body which, upon being freed from it by death, continues on its way to a Nirvana-like state of equilibrium, following thus the universal law which rules the polarity antitheses of our physical mundane existence.

Let us hope that, starting from this firm ground, further proof will soon be forthcoming through the creative power of imaginative genius, which will show us conclusively that man's progress does not stop here but is destined to continue, by means of the same process of evolution through all the phases of the immortal life that lies in store for him—G. A.

THE UNCOMMON SENSE OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY. By C. W. Chamberlain, Holyoke: Towne.

The author presents a clear, concise and interesting exposition of the application of the fundamentals of psychological practice to the problems of everyday life. His book is free from the blather and hokum that accompany many such essays. He seeks no "newer and better" terminology, and sticks closely to the terms used in current science in describing the mind and its functions. In one or two minor instances he has fallen for the temptation to "be original at all costs," and has capitalized freely, terms which there is little or no reason for giving this sort of emphasis. Nevertheless there is so much of value in this brochure and so little that could be criticized by the most carping, that it is recommended by this reviewer with sincere enthusiasm, as a genuine help to an understanding of the latent powers which all of us possess, and which may be developed fully in accordance with well defined natural laws.—K. M. E.



REVELATIONS of ARCHAEOLOGY

What the Reverent Spade Is Finding of the Past

ANCIENT STATUES

Show Beauty Ideals of 40,000 Years Ago

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—Beauty ideals of 40,000 years ago are expressed in several figures of women carved in burnt clay, about five inches high, found this autumn during excavations by Professor Dr. Absolon, on behalf of the Brunn Museum, at Unter-Wisternitz, in Moravia, now a province of Czecho-Slovakia, close to the Austrian frontier.

The shoulder blades and muscles of the back are strongly defined, and they are declared by Dr. Absolon to be the oldest known figures of this type and material, and perhaps the oldest sculptures in the world. Most of the somewhat similar figures found in France have been of mammoth ivory or soapstone.

Every day brings to light further prehistoric relics in the Unter-Wisternitz area of exploration, which is on the Pollau Hills. Five skeletons of mammoths have been found recently, near the surface, in a space of about five yards square.—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

DENY "TUT DISCOVERY"

Toronto Scientist Declares Body of King Still Unfound

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—The body of King Tutankhamen hasn't yet been found, according to Dr. Fred Morphy, Egyptologist, of Toronto, and there is no immediate prospect of its being brought to light.

The mummy unearthed at Luxor by Howard Carter and other noted antiquarians, is not that of the most-discussed of all the Pharaohs, nor of any of the former rulers of Egypt, Dr. Morphy declares.

"A great deal has been made of the fact that the coffin was covered with gold," he points out. "This has been taken as indicating the rank of the body buried inside. As a matter of fact, when Tutankhamen lived, the most precious metal was not gold, but silver; and it is only reasonable to suppose that for a king, the coffin would have been covered with the latter metal.

"Again, two daggers found with the body were taken as an evidence of kingly rank. In the days of the eighteenth dynasty, to which Tutankhamen belonged, the indication of highest rank, was the staff, and not the sword or dagger; so here, too, is evidence which refutes the opinions of the Egyptologists."

"Another conclusive proof that the mummy is not that of Tutankhamen, Dr. Morphy avers, is the fact that no papyrus recording the life of the supposed ruler, has been found in the tomb. Such a scroll was invariably buried with the ancient kings, he states."

Morphy declares that the present day belief that the Egyptian process of embalming is a lost art is unfounded.

"There was nothing secret or mysterious about their method," he states. "First of all, the embalmers removed all the viscera and the brain, which they preserved in jars called canopins, made of clay, lime-stone or alabaster, and invariably decorated with the figures of the four genii of the dead.

"The body was then placed in a solution of washing soda, at about one-tenth normal strength, and left there for seventy days. When taken out, the cavities were packed with myrrh and many other sweet spices. Contrary to the general belief, no incense was used, it being regarded as an offense.

"The next operation was to cover the body with gum—none other than cedar resin. Great attention was always paid to the hair and finger-nails, and often artificial eyes were inserted in the sockets. Then the body was wound round with strips of very fine linen.

"Before being allowed in the tomb, the body had to pass inspection before a tribunal of forty-two persons. If the character of the deceased had been unsavory, he was refused admittance to the tomb, and was buried outside his own home, and on the cairn erected above his grave, would be inscribed the sins on account of which he had been refused the orthodox burial rites."

—*Chicago Herald and Examiner.*

SAVE JERASH TEMPLE

Ancient Edifice of Jerusalem to Be Restored

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10.—The department of antiquities announces that the clearances for the conservation of the main entrance of the great temple at Jerash, the classical Gerasa, or Decapolis beyond the Jordan, have disclosed the grand stairway leading up from the via principalis, together with a dedicatory inscription and altar. There were found in the nymphaeum a water fountain and a large round tank complete, and also sculptures and votive inscriptions.

Professor Garstang, lecturing here, said it was a relief to learn that every monument on the site was now provisionally safe, and the work could now continue methodically. He paid a high tribute to the skill of Mr. Horsfield, who had achieved these results in circumstances of great difficulty and danger during the past six months.

Jerash will be included in the itinerary of the International Archaeological Congress next April.

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